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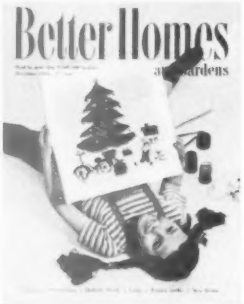

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(Instead of vice versa)

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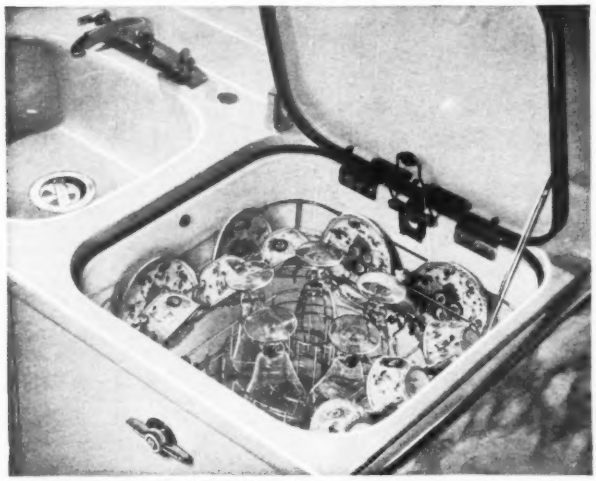
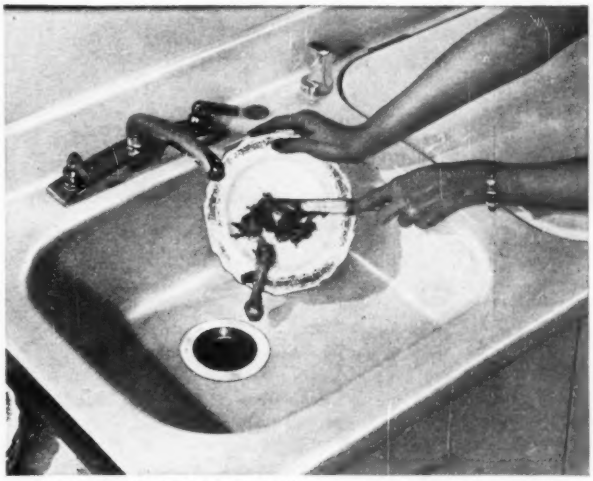
It's so easy! The *Dishwasher* washes and dries the dishes *automatically!* The *Disposall* whisks away the garbage *automatically!* And *you* just go to a good movie . . . mere minutes after your meal is through!

So, whether you're building a new kitchen or improving an old one, ask your General Electric dealer about installing an electric sink in *your* house.

IMPORTANT NOTE: No matter what type of kitchen you have, the perfect kitchen companions for General Electric appliances are handsome General Electric Storage Cabinets. Sleekly enameled, sturdy and spacious, these cabinets come in six widths . . . allowing you complete flexibility in arranging exactly the storage space and work surface to fit the kitchen plan that's best for you.



Automatically, the G-E Dishwasher washes, rinses, and dries a whole day's dishes for a family of four, at one time. Separate racks hold china, glassware, silver safely. Dishwasher does pots and pans too. Even cleans and dries itself. Your hands never touch hot, harsh soapy water. And dishes are *cleaner than if done by hand!*



Automatically, the G-E Disposall carries garbage troubles down the drain. You simply scrape scraps into the Disposall unit of your sink, lock cover, and turn on cold water. Magically, food waste is ground to fine particles and flushed away! Your Disposall is self-cleaning, and can be used with septic tanks of adequate capacity.

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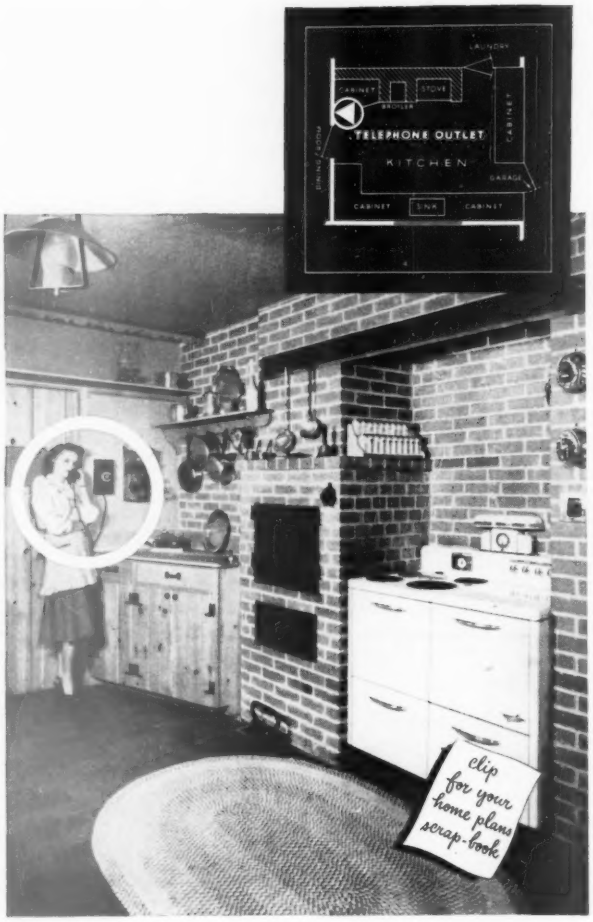

YOU'LL certainly want telephones in that home you're planning to build. But you won't want the wires to detract from the lovely walls and woodwork. So be sure to plan now to put them in their proper place—*inside the walls and under the floors.*

All you have to do is select the places where you'll want telephones—now and in the future. Mark the locations on your plans and call them to the attention of your builder. That way, while construction is going on, he can place a few sections of pipe or tubing inside the walls to carry telephone wires to neat, built-in outlets. Later, when you arrange for telephone service, the wires can be run inside the walls to every telephone installed.

For further details on this important feature, call your nearest Bell Telephone Business Office and ask for "Architects and Builders Service."

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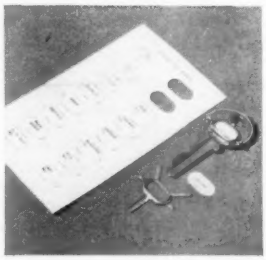
It's NEWS to Me!

By Gretchen King

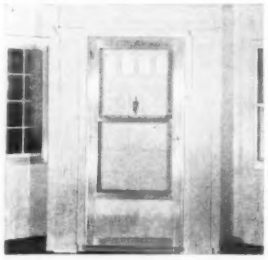


Mark your keys plainly so you won't waste time trying to unlock the back door with the garage key, or the office door with the front-door key. Tiny metal frames secure the label on the key by means of prongs that cling tightly. Can be used on any key with hole at top. Set of 8 *Key Markers*, 8 transparent-plastic windows, and 16 printed key identifications, 50c in stores or ppd. The Keymarker Co., Box 264, Salem, Illinois.

An anchor to windward for a garbage can is this pointed steel post with T guard. The post is driven into the ground and secures the garbage can by one handle slipped over the top. Guard holds can steady in spite of wind or scavenging animals. *Garbage-Kan-Ankor*, $2.50, in stores or ppd. Gandrud & Sons Mfg. Co., Glenwood, Minnesota.

Shower-curtain rings of hardy plastic snap thru eyelets in a shower curtain, slide along the rod smoothly. Twelve favorite colors are available to match your bathroom color plan. The rings are unbreakable, unharmed by steam or moisture. *Kirsch Snap-On Shower Curtain Rings* are in stores only at about 60c per dozen. Kirsch Company, Sturgis, Michigan.

Spatter Shield isolates popping grease and cooking spatters, keeps walls and stove clean. May be used around a beater, too, or to serve as a cooky sheet when folded flat. Folds to 9"x10" for storage. Of aluminum, *Spatter Shield* is 95c in stores or plus 25c postage from Letha O. W. Cordrey, 4071 Kansas St., San Diego 4, California.



Combination door of aluminum is designed to take hard wear for a lifetime. Glass panels are easily interchangeable with screen panels for year-round duty. The door is rustproof and non-warping, with soft, glareless finish to blend with home exterior. A hydraulic door-stop closes the door without slamming. *Aluminum Combination Door* available at dealers; ask them for prices. Eagle-Picher Company, Cincinnati 1, Ohio.

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here's the GIFT that sings, talks and lives for years...

No gift ever so completely matched the spirit of Christmas as the miraculous MOTOROLA table model VT71 TELEVISION receiver. Here is the wonder of wonders! News, sports, drama, comedy... in your living room as it happens...with famous people in famous places! The Motorola Golden View picture is star bright, crisp and sharp! The receiver is so light (26½ lbs.) you can move it from room to room and installation is quick and easy. You can have it in time for the big Christmas Holiday programs, and at a price all can afford. **$189.95***

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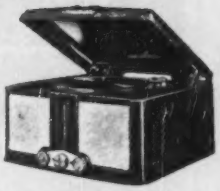

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Playmate Jr. Tiny . . . light . . . powerful . . . wonderful tone! AC/DC, Battery (batteries extra). Model 5A7A

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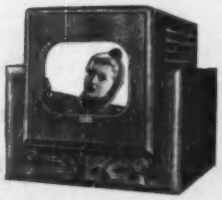

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Under every bonnet, lively Fireball power, cradled on Hi-Poised engine mountings — *plus* new self-setting valve lifters on every Dynaflow model to keep engines lastingly quiet and efficient.

On every wheel, buoyant Quadruflex coil springing and big, soft, low-pressure tires on wide Safety-Ride rims that mean far better car control.

On all ROADMASTERS you get the thrilling lift of 150 hp and the smooth magic of Dynaflow Drive as standard equipment. On all SUPERS, with their 115 hp rating, Dynaflow is yours on option at extra cost. And there are two brilliant models of 110 hp in the SPECIAL Series.

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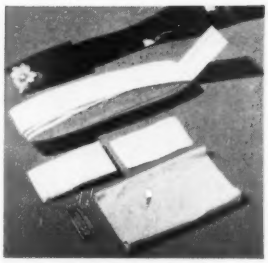

Make a belt with self-covered buckle to give the professional look to your new dress. The kit shown contains a 36-inch strip of leatherette backing, adjustable buckle with backing, adhesive fabric for covering the buckle, and instructions. The *T. Q. Belt Making Set* is in stores only at 59c for the 1-inch width and 69c for the 1½-inch width. David Traum Company, 11 E. 26th St., New York 10, New York.

Electric water heater fits into a corner of your kitchen or utility room, furnishes extra table-top space in an otherwise useless area. The 50-gallon capacity gives you lots of hot water instantly. Cabinet is white enamel; top is stainless steel. Heating element and thermostat are built in one unit for ease of servicing. At dealers, the *Wesix Corner Model Water Heater* is about $222.50. Wesix Electric Heater Co., 390 First St., San Francisco 5, California.

Baby bed for the very young traveler unfolds from flat package, 22"x27", to comfortable sleeping quarters 46" long. All-aluminum frame supports the canvas and netting body. Water-repellent mattress is designed for good posture, yet folds with the bed. Frame stands 24" high, bed is 13" deep. *PortaBed*, $16.95, in stores or exp. coll. Mattress, $3. The Portabed Co., Inc., 2630 S. Harwood, Dallas 15, Texas.

A safety rail for the bathtub offers a ready hand-hold while climbing in or out of tub, or shifting position. Many falls in slippery tubs can be avoided if you have something to grip. Rail is chrome-plated brass, adjustable to fit all standard tubs. It isn't a permanent installation, but may be removed at will. *Safety Bath Rail*, $4.95, at dealers or ppd. Stichcraft Products of Ohio, 25 N. Main, Dayton 2, Ohio.

Mobile reel with 20 feet of rubber-covered cord supports a floodlight for garage work or for special lighting effects in lawn and garden. Three casters move the reel easily. Level-winder arrangement distributes cord evenly inside case. Floodlight may be swiveled to focus beam most effectively. The *Benjamin Mobile Reel* with floodlight mount and guard (floodlight not included), $16.50, at dealers or exp. coll. Benjamin Reel Products, Inc., 10712 Broadway, Cleveland 5, Ohio.

Car-door locks for 4-door cars prevent children's unlatching rear doors and tumbling out while car is in motion. Locks require no installation, slip on rear doors at top. Rear doors are closed first and cannot be opened while front doors are closed. There are only two doors to lock when you leave the car. Locks are steel, 4" long. Set of two, to fit center-opening 4-door sedans, $1, in stores or ppd. Shurlock Opener Corporation, Medical Arts Bldg., Waco, Texas.

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New! Hotpoint Gives You 10-Year Protection Plan!

EIGHT MODELS, ranging from 15 to 82 gals. capacity. The table-top model is available in both 30- and 40-gal. capacities and is a matched unit of Hotpoint's Electric Kitchen.

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Christmas

by Gregory d'Alessio

Santa Claus

How we retired with $200 a Month

We'd never be out here in California today, financially independent, if it hadn't been for what happened back in Scarsdale, the night of September 10, 1926. How do I remember the date? It was my fortieth birthday and Nell had gotten tickets for "Countess Maritza" to celebrate. While she was dressing that night I sat in the living room, looking through a magazine.

I suppose any man feels kind of serious when he hits forty. *Someday* we wanted, Nell and I, to really enjoy life. Move out where it was summer all year, in southern California. Grow flowers and soak up the sun. Have time for living. But how could we?

We hadn't saved much. And I realized that a half of my working years had gone. I had a good job and a fair salary. But we found it hard to bank anything. So I began to wonder—must I always live on a treadmill, like so many others?

As I turned the pages, an ad caught my eye and I started to read it. Oddly, the ad seemed meant for me. There *was*, it said, a way for a man to retire on an income—without ever being rich. It was called the Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan. With it, I could arrange to get a guaranteed income of $200 a month beginning when I reached 60. And it wasn't just an income for myself alone. The Plan actually provided an income as long as either Nell or I lived.

Just as I finished, Nell came rushing downstairs in a hurry as usual. But I stopped long enough to tear out the coupon at the bottom of the ad. I stuck it in an envelope and dropped it in the mail on our way to the show.

Well, that was back in *1926*. A few years later, the stock market crashed and the depression came along. Then the war. Many times I was thankful that I had my Phoenix Mutual Plan.

Well, a while back my sixtieth birthday arrived—and was *that* a celebration! I was all set to retire. And it wasn't long before my first Phoenix Mutual check for $200 came in. So we sold the Scarsdale house and headed for California.

We're in a beautiful spot here, just right for us. And every month, right on the dot, the postman hands us another check. Security? Why, we have more than lots of rich people. Our income is *guaranteed for life!*

Send for Free Booklet

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Madonna Chistmas settings

By Joanna Beals

AT CHRISTMAS, a Madonna and Child on the console or mantel will bring a feeling of spiritual peace. A Madonna will serve as a reminder, too, that the real purpose of Christmas is to commemorate the birth of a child who brought new hope and faith to the world. Here are six Madonna arrangements.

Triangle of pine branches curves around frosted crystal Madonna and Child. Arrange the branches on a needlepoint flower holder so that needles of branches will point upward, facing the figure, as if they were still growing. The tallest branch should be about three-fourths the figure's height. Cut left and right branches shorter

Symbols of life and fruitfulness, used in Biblical references to the Mother and Child, make an unusual frame for a Madonna. Arrange dried wheat heads from florist and spruce tips from outdoors on a needlepoint holder set beside the figure. Lay real or artificial grapes on spruce tips in front forming crescent around the Madonna

Photographs: Stanley

Clipped twigs from garden evergreens or Christmas tree dramatize even the simplest Madonna head and make it a striking decoration for mantel or console. Here a few tips of Japanese yew have been arranged on a needlepoint holder behind the figure. The tallest branch is half again the height of the Madonna, others form triangle

Lemon leaves from your florist or fruit shop and two black cardboard discs give the traditional Madonna setting a modern look. Gently bend branches to follow the curve of upright disc or wrap fine florist's wire around the stem, then bend wire and stem together. Place candles in holders between leaf arrangement and background disc

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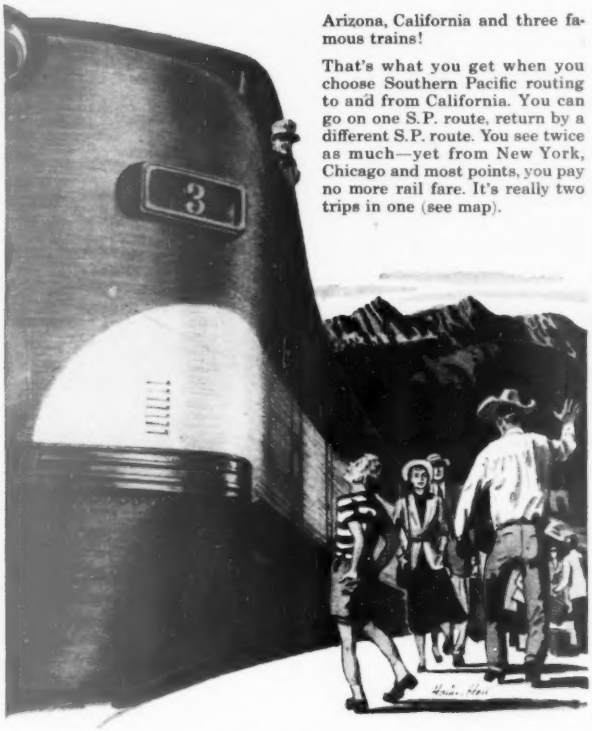

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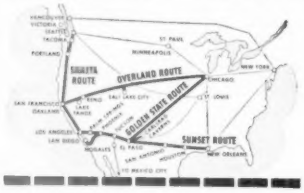

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The friendly Southern Pacific

Madonna Christmas settings

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A low, fat candle behind this wax Madonna head gives it a luminous glow. Arrange holly branches or evergreen on a needlepoint holder to form a halo behind the head. Cut center two branches three times height of head. Place holly leaves in star points at base of Madonna

Light blue cardboard disc held between two bricks makes a dramatic background for Madonna and greenery. Twist No. 12 galvanized wire into a crescent-shaped frame and hold it firm at the base of the Madonna by putting a piece of building brick on it. The bricks are hidden with greens. Then tie white pine tips to the wire. Tuck carnations, poinsettias, or holly berries into the green branches at the base of the figure

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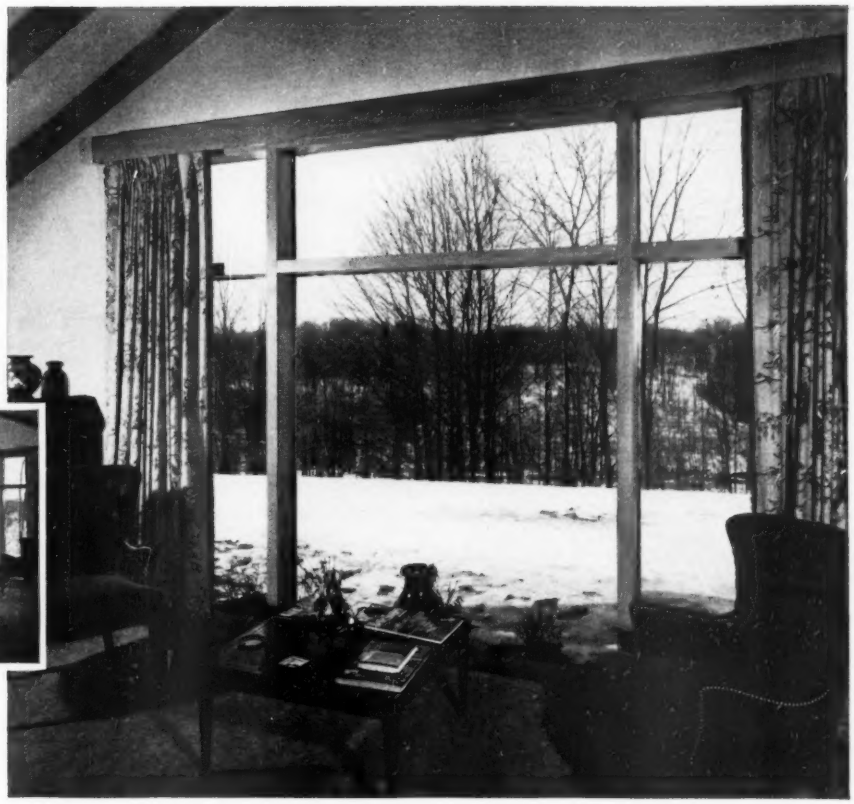
Winter beauty decorates the living room in the E. Howard Hanna residence, Farmington, Michigan. Because windows are *Thermopane*, year-round comfort is assured for the family. Architect: Irving E. Palmquist, Detroit. Designer: Richard B. Pollman, Detroit.



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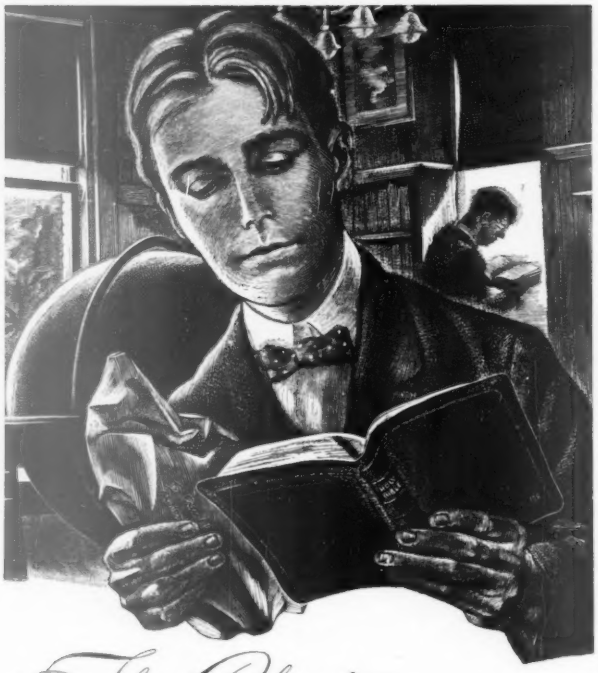

This Christmas...

give your child the Bible

Sara Delano Roosevelt gave her son

A BEAUTIFUL OXFORD BIBLE

Some day, you have promised yourself, you will give your child a fine Bible. There is no better day than Christmas, no Bible so fine as an Oxford.

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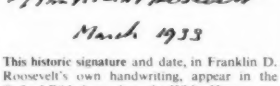
The Oxford Bible you give your child this Christmas will be a masterwork of bookmaking. You will marvel at the rich strong binding . . . the clean clear Oxford type . . . the ultra-thin India Paper exclusive with Oxford. This is the world's most beautiful paper . . . so thin that over 2000 pages make a book only an inch thick . . . yet so opaque that no print shows through from one side of a page to the other.

Your bookseller will show you an assortment of Oxford Bibles, variously priced, including the "Scofield," Oxford's great reference edition (over two million "Scofields" already sold).

A Bible is the rightful inheritance of every young American. As the Pilgrims drew from it their dream that this nation might be founded in freedom . . . and Roosevelt his dream of the Four Freedoms for all nations . . . so from its pages today's young leaders will build tomorrow. Your child will march among them through your gift of an Oxford Bible.



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This historic signature and date, in Franklin D. Roosevelt's own handwriting, appear in the Oxford Bible he took to the White House.

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Last-minute gifts

Gay Nineties stocking is fun to stuff small gifts into, can be used afterwards for lingerie laundry bag. You will need ¼ yard each of 36-inch-wide striped and solid-colored chintz

CHRISTMAS is near, but you still have time to stitch these easy, original gifts. They'll be used again and again, with pleasant thoughts of the giver, long after Christmas, 1948.

For a lady on your gift list, there's a Gay Nineties hi-button stocking, a striped felt knitting bag, a paneled chintz apron, or a flower-arrangement kit. For the young miss, there's the bunny apron if she is 5 or 6, the strawberry-basket purse if she's in grade school, and the sequin-trimmed mittens and purse set if she's teen-aged.

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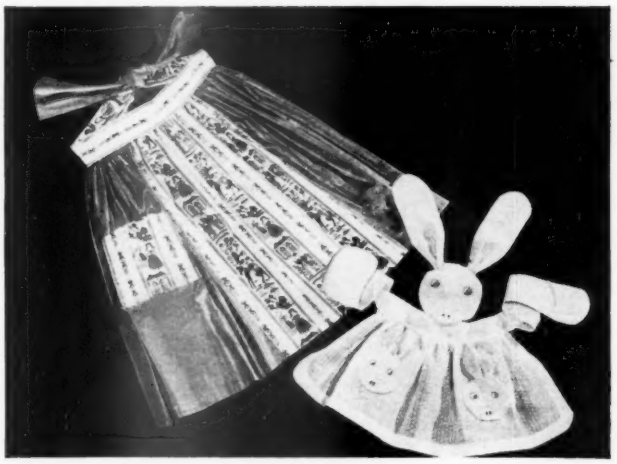

Chintz apron may be made from figured and solid-colored scraps of fabric. **Bunny apron** is made from white dotted swiss trimmed with crisp pink organdy. Bunny faces form pockets, bib; ears are shoulder straps

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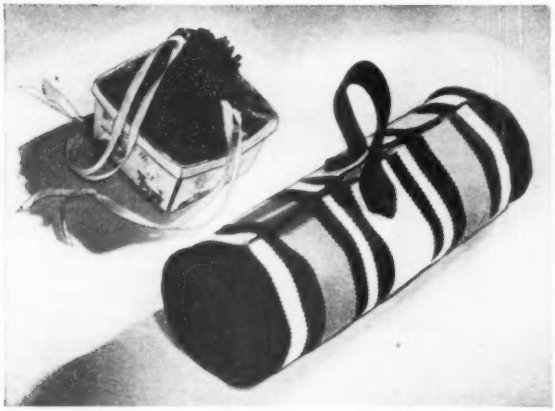

Strawberry-basket purse is made from strawberry box, 1/4 yard 36-inch calico, and 2 yards ribbon. **Striped knitting bag** is made of 1/2 yard each of black and chartreuse felt, plus same scraps of red and white felt

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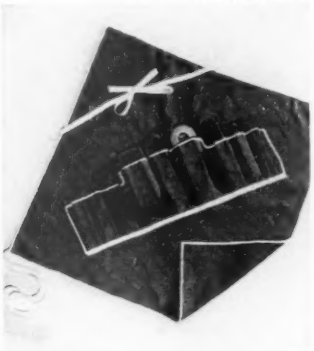

Gardening or flower-arrangement kit may be worn as apron. There's space in pockets for flower clippers, pruning shears, flower holder

Mittens and pillbox purse with zipper opening are made of white felt. Both are trimmed with multicolored sequins and tiny white beads

Wonderful is the word for JUMBO COOKIES made with SUN-MAID RAISINS

Jumbo Cookies

Sift together 4 cups sifted all-purpose flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. baking soda, 2 tsp. salt, 1½ tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. nutmeg, ¼ tsp. all-spice. Add 1 cup water to 2 cups Sun-Maid Raisins (Seedless Nectars or Seedless) and boil 5 min. Cool. Cream 1 cup shortening, 2 cups sugar. Blend. Add 3 eggs—one at a time—beating after each addition. Add 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 cup chopped nuts, cooled Raisin mixture. Add sifted dry ingredients and blend well. Drop by teaspoon on greased cooky sheet. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 12 to 15 min. Yields 5 doz. cookies.

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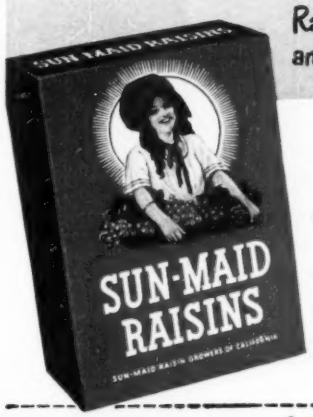

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What little feathered pirate wouldn't feel perky with French's on the horizon? Any canary's song depends on his happiness and health—and these depend on his diet. Always feed French's Bird Seed and Biscuit—favored for generations—the *complete* diet of twelve tested ingredients.

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There's extra song in this tempting Biscuit!

A French's Bird Biscuit, chockful of canary "goodies," comes in every package of French's Bird Seed. Fed together, the Seed and the Biscuit make the *complete* diet your canary craves.

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THE LARGEST-SELLING BIRD SEED IN AMERICA

Pick a personal card for each friend

By Chris Hopkins

For neighbors who like Early American furniture, choose one of these brilliantly colored reproductions of well-known American paintings—potbellied stove, snow-covered bridge

WHEN you choose Christmas cards this year, try to fit them to the hobbies, tastes, and special interests of the friends you'll be sending them to. Send the neighbor who collects china dogs a card with dogs worked into the Christmas scene. Choose an old English card for some friend who collects English prints. If you can pick just the right card for everyone, your Christmas greetings will have a special personal appeal. Here are some of the best personalized card ideas you'll be seeing in shops this year. Look these over before deciding.

Photographs: Stanley

For an art lover, select a painting complete with frame. This set of cards includes a dozen art reproductions and an 8½- by 10-inch bleached oak frame. Frames have button backs to make changing pictures easy

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It's Crisp! It's Light! It's fried in Crisco!

FRIED CHICKEN AND GRAVY
(Makes 4 servings)

What's better than fried chicken? Digestible, Crisco-fried chicken! So crisp, so tender, that *every* taste says *more!*

1 frying chicken, cut in serving pieces
½ cup flour • 2 teaspoons salt • Crisco for frying

All Measurements Level: Roll chicken in salted flour. Brown on all sides in hot Crisco about ¼" deep in a heavy skillet. (*Notice—there's never any unpleasant smoke or smell when you fry properly with Crisco!*) When well browned, reduce heat, cover and cook until tender, 35-45 minutes. Remove chicken to hot serving platter and keep hot while making gravy.

GRAVY:

2 tablespoons flour • 2 cups milk or chicken broth

To drippings in the skillet, add 2 tablespoons flour and stir until lightly browned. Slowly add milk or chicken broth. Cook over low heat 5 to 7 minutes. Sliced, browned mushrooms may be added if desired.

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Gives you digestible fried foods!

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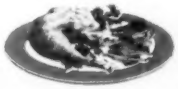

For Cakes and Pies and Tasty Fries

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IT'S DIGESTIBLE!

"That's right, Tommy, T-E-M-L..."

Perhaps Tommy is a little too young to be learning the real lesson behind that word, but luckily his dad learned about Armstrong's Temlok® Sheathing before he started building this new home.

That word "Temlok" is a sure sign of the best kind of home construction. When Temlok is nailed to the frame, the whole house is made strong and rigid. Temlok Sheathing is manufactured from tough wood fibers, all strengthened and waterproofed with asphalt, and then formed into these big, sturdy boards.

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ARMSTRONG'S TEMLOK

One of the building materials made by the makers of Armstrong's Linoleum

Individual Christmas cards

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For friends who treasure the spiritual significance of Christmas, what could be more thoughtful than a Madonna-and-Child card? Any of these cards would be lovely enough to use as a bookmark year-round

For modernists, select a stylized gazelle or Christmas snowman greeting card. These 5-cent cards, with their simply cut designs and clear colors, show as much good taste as many more expensive cards

For the nature lover, the hunter, or the garden clubber on your list, try to pick out a greeting card—like one of these—which blends sketches of animals or an outdoors scene with its Christmas message

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Thanksgiving 1927, when I was just a kid, my folks got a new Servel. "It's really different," said Dad, proudly. "Servel is the only refrigerator that *can't* make a noise."

Last year, Mother invited my bride and me home for Thanksgiving. Out in the kitchen was *the same* Servel! "Still silent—still dependable after 20 years!" said Mother.

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BY DAY

Would you believe this handsome, *livable* room is a Guest Bedroom, too? Hide-A-Bed (made only by Simmons) is the secret!

BY NIGHT

Your Hide-A-Bed opens into a big, double bed, with a genuine Simmons mattress. Makes your Guest Room a wonderful place to sleep!

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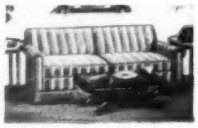

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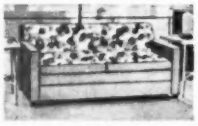

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Hide-A-Bed, made only by Simmons, makes it a sitting room for both guests *and* family. Your Guest Room becomes a wonderful room to *live* in—a wonderful room to *sleep* in!

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Individual Christmas cards

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For a sports fan, pick a greeting card that shows a skating or skiing scene. For a politician, try the amusing, gift-laden elephant. For a musician or a music lover choose the violinist or the boy carolers

For youngsters (however old), choose traditional Santa and Christmas wreath cards. Look for a fresh interpretation, new color combinations, or an unusual design so your cards will look out of the ordinary

Everyday Madonna

When Father carved our Christmas bird
And asked us each what we preferred,
As sure as summer follows spring
Came Mother's "Please, I'll have a wing."

We children never wondered why
She did not sometimes take a thigh
Or choose a drumstick or a breast.
We thought she liked a wing the best.

She said it with such easy voice,
It seemed so certainly her choice. . . .
I was a man before I knew
Why mothers do the things they do.

—*Richard Armour*

THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED...

Happy Days Later

IMPORTANT!

Put a pitcher of V-8 on the table at every meal. Serve it between meals, too. Every delicious glass contains nutrients of 8 different vegetables:—

CELERY LETTUCE
PARSLEY CARROTS
SPINACH TOMATOES
BEETS WATERCRESS

Made by the makers of Campbell's Soups

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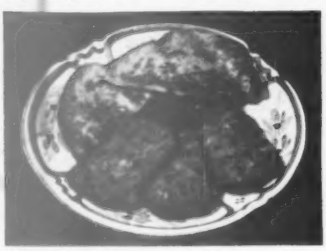
Double recipe - double pleasure

TWIN SPAM BAKE

NO FRILLS—JUST GOOD EATING. Pre-heat oven to 350°. • Put SPAM (two cans) in shallow baking dish. • Now take your choice (1) bake it 20 minutes as-is, or (2) first spread it with a paste made of ⅓ cup brown sugar, 1 tsp. vinegar, 1 tsp. prepared mustard, 1 tsp. water; bake 20 minutes, basting twice with pan juice, or (3) pour over SPAM ½ cup of fruit juice—pineapple, peach, prune—bake and baste as before. • Serve with your choice of fresh, frozen or canned vegetables. • Makes 8 servings. • Why not try SPAM this way tonight?



HAD FRENCH TOAST LATELY? Goes great with crisp fried SPAM for a hearty breakfast or supper. Beat an egg in ½ cup milk, salt and pepper. Dip day-old bread slices in mixture quickly, fry in butter or hot fat.

FAST ONE FOR LUNCH. Warm some baked beans to match up with juicy slices of SPAM on bun halves. Fry the SPAM if you like. Add a salad of cling peach half and cottage cheese on lettuce leaf.

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A Christmas idea for the handy man

Order out of chaos—that's what you'll get if you partition drawers carefully to make a place for everything. Do this job once, and your wife will leave empty drawers on your workbench the rest of your life

How to put partitions in drawers

By John W. Redick

STATIONERY, envelopes, pencils, pens, stamps, and labels jumbled together. Jewelry mixed with cosmetics and hairpins. Playing cards, score pads, and pencils in disorder. A muddle of socks and handkerchiefs . . . combs, brushes, and nail files . . . knives, forks, spoons.

Is that the drawer situation in your home?

All this confusion can be brought under control with simple partitions, which you can install yourself.

Measuring accurately, mark the inside of the drawer with pencil or chalk. Use thin wood for the partitions. Quarter-inch plywood is good. Or you can make them from the sides of an orange crate from your grocery store. Such wood is rough; you'll have to sandpaper it thoroly after you have cut the pieces to size.

CUT the partitions *exactly* the right size to fit. If they are long, they will spread the drawer so it won't fit. If they are short, they won't hold. If you make a mistake, start over.

Fasten your partition by gluing it in place. Put glue on both ends and bottom, and the partition will stand a lot of wear. You can increase the strength with a few brads, driven carefully. But don't count on brads doing the holding job alone.

Don't make partitions too high. A deep hole is as bad as a wide drawer. Keep partitions low enough so you can see what's in there, and get at it. Usually, partitions should be only two or three inches high.

Round off the top edge of each partition—finish will soon wear off a square edge. Give the glue a chance to dry, then finish the inside of the drawer with varnish or enamel.

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Have you any traditions at your house?

By Helen Reeder Cross

WE NEVER bought any evergreen branches at our house. Father always went out in the woods and cut them from a tree.

The custom was undoubtedly a little hard on father, especially when the temperature was 10 below, but he always did it. He and mother were determined to build a set of traditions from which family comradeship might grow.

Now I know that every family needs a holiday habit or an annual custom that can grow into a tradition. Such little ceremonies, casually begun, but repeated faithfully year after year, can knit your family into a unit and build family spirit. And it's good for your children to think their family is more pleasant than any other.

Some family traditions will, like Topsy, "just grow." A friend of mine made a golden angel food for Susie on two birthdays in a row. Suddenly everyone in the family decided that no other cake than golden angel food could be a birthday cake for them. Lo! A family custom was born.

ANOTHER family I know goes on a blueberry picnic each August. The tradition started one year when the family chanced to discover what it now considers its own, private blueberry hill. The berries may be shared with friends, but never the secret of where they come from.

Maybe you already have a holiday tradition of your own. Perhaps an Easter Sunday supper plannned around the colored eggs found by the young ones.

You can create traditions around almost anything your family likes to do. An annual family hike on a fall Sunday with everyone collecting leaves. Or a bird walk taken at dawn on a June morning.

AND then there are games in the parlor, reading aloud in the parlor, reading aloud by the fireside, the bedtime story—all customs that the pace of modern living has almost banished from American life. Yet these are the sort of memories we recall as the happiest moments of our childhoods.

You can even build traditions around the responsibilities to be assumed by each child. These are looked upon by Ronnie and Nancy as proof of growing up.

A boy I know was entrusted with building and lighting the first hearth fire when he got to be 11. My sisters and I were allowed to bake our first cake for Mother's birthday the year that we were 10.

It's tradition that holds a family together in the home despite outside competition. Almost always the warm glow of family unity, once the occasion is under way, is reward enough to anyone who might have been tempted to break the circle.

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Pressed glass in Old Sandwich designs are copies of Early American pieces: condiment set with vinegar and oil bottles, salt and pepper shakers and celery and pickle dish are teardrop pattern. Large relish plate; footed mayonnaise bowl with ladle; sugar, creamer set with tray

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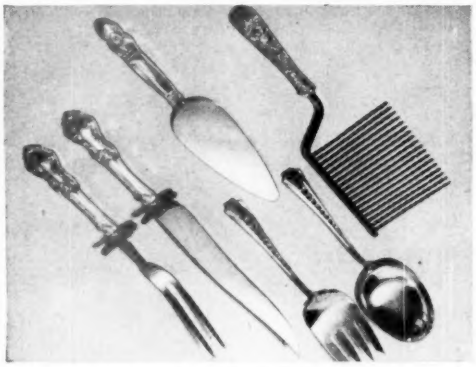

Silver serving pieces are available again—match them to your set, or pick a harmonizing pattern. Here's a pronged cake knife in Repousse pattern; large cake server in Princess Ingrid; salad spoon and fork in Talisman Rose; sterling carving set in Georgian Shell

Stainless-steel knives—in steak set, carving set, or combination carving and steak set—will sharpen themselves when you put them back in their walnut cases that fit into a drawer or hang on your wall

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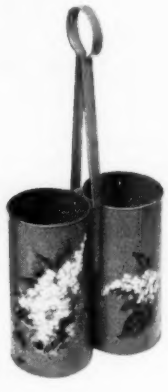

Gray picking cans with pink and yellow roses, and moss-green cans with lavender and purple lilacs help to keep your flowers fresh and uncrushed as you pick them. Ladies' flower cutters are a handy size

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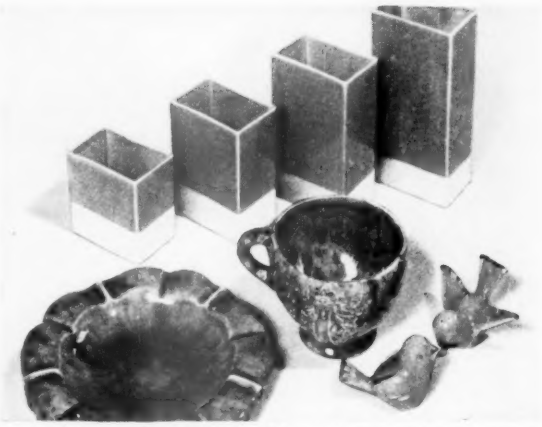

Pillow vases—in turquoise and white or chartreuse and white—come in various sizes so you can use them for your mantel, console, or buffet flowers. Extra-large flower or cigarette cup and king-size matching ash tray are marbled blue-green or orchid-purple glaze. Saucy bird salt and pepper shakers will blend well with any table-setting scheme

Turquoise, Mandarin yellow, and mallow-pink porcelain plates are prize room decoration or cake service. Genuine Chinese teakwood stands for flower bowls or figurines have rolled or squared ends. Leather and enamel cigarette box and ash-tray nest, emerald-green potpourri jars, temple bell, and teacup and stand are handsome Oriental table pieces

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Holiday Decorations

in fresh colors

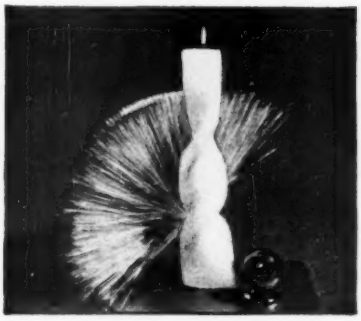
By Fae Huttenlocher

SPARKLING new colors—and a bolder use of greens and reds—set this year's holiday decorations in a class all their own. You'll find pinks, lots of white, gold, and cerise giving a fresh look to your Christmas bells, and candles, and evergreens.

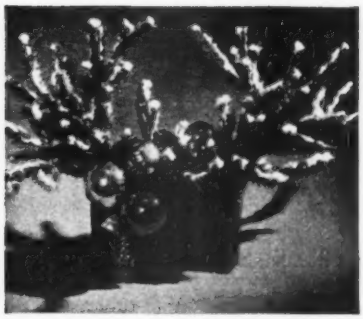
Here are 14 low-cost decoration ideas which are easy to make and smart because they're simple. Copy them for your own front door, buffet, or mantel.

Shocking-pink chicken-wire ball laced top and bottom with a cerise satin ribbon hangs your mistletoe high and handsome above the doorway. Let a tassel of mistletoe berries and ribbon peek out from the base of the ball as a final gay fillip

Green pfitzer clippings stuck in a potato make a conversation-provoking centerpiece tree. For red accent, stand a geranium-laden donkey alongside



White candle picks up a spark of glamour with a silver fan made from shredded aluminum foil. Tree ball set in a plumber's washer adds a touch of gold



Christmas red and green crepe paper covers a pair of soap-flake boxes filled with snow-laden spruce clippings. (Details for making them on page 170)

You'll find 10 more decoration ideas on the next two pages →

Holiday decorations in fresh colors *continued*

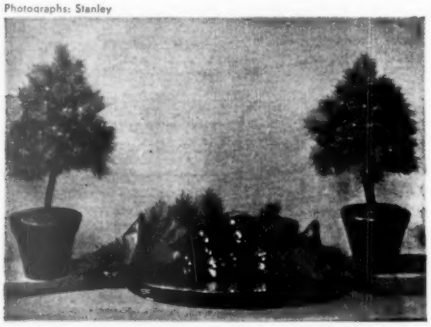
This colorful sweetmeat tree serves your holiday candies up in style. Stick spruce tips into a chicken-wire cone filled with spaghnum moss. Hang candy canes, Christmas cookies from the branches

Green hemlock clippings—stuck into a big potato to make a miniature tree—dramatize your Madonna centerpiece. Be sure the top branch is twice the height of your Madonna. (Details on page 170)

Vivid colors make your door decoration bold enough to be seen from the street. Paste plastic-coated felt or oilcloth over cardboard bells—and use Christmas balls as clappers; or glue your favorite carol on a sheet of metallic paper and stick the word Noel to music. (Details on page 170)

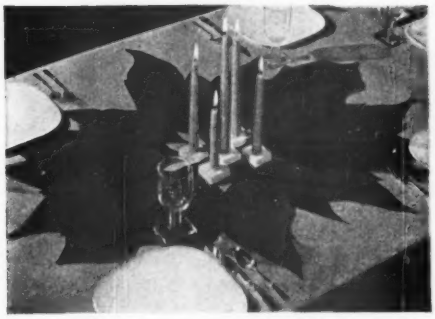
Set a white painted gnarled branch in a needlepoint holder or modeling clay, and it will become the base for a striking centerpiece. Cover the holder with silver foil. Wire Christmas tree balls and branchlets made from folded 12-inch shredded foil strips to the branch

Photographs: Stanley

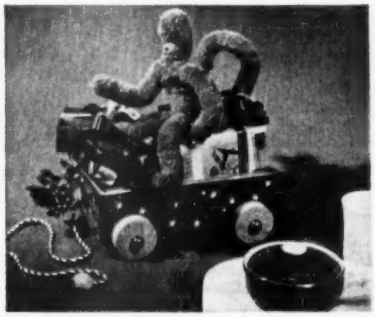


Green Christmas trees—with trunk and trim—are easy to make from a ball of spaghnum moss wired to the top of a branch. (Details on page 170)

White paper bells tied to a pine branch that's been securely nailed to a small board add color to your New Year's buffet. Brush the bells with paste and sprinkle them with dot confetti. String long confetti strips over the bells down onto the table. Flank bells with red candles and colorful noisemakers



Red and green poinsettia leaves cut from plastic-coated fiber make a stunning table decoration. Draw in vein lines. Tuck green leaves under red



Bright red draw cart trimmed with yellow wheels and gold sticker stars is amusing mantel decor. Fill the cart with presents and poise animal atop as driver

For a green cooky tree, spread fringed felt or oilcloth over a cake comport. Tie beanbags around the edge and pile the tree high with holiday cookies

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Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Modern amaryllis have 5- to 7-inch blooms, make the showiest house plants

Pick heavy bulbs. The best are about the size of a teacup. Plant each in a 6- to 7-inch pot at any time from September to February. When a bloom stem pushes up, it's time to lower your plant, pot and all, into a Modern table well or into a large pot of crockery or metal that suits your furnishings.

Idea: Set the blooming plant where the flowers will be reflected in a mirror. An amaryllis in flower needs water daily, but not full sun

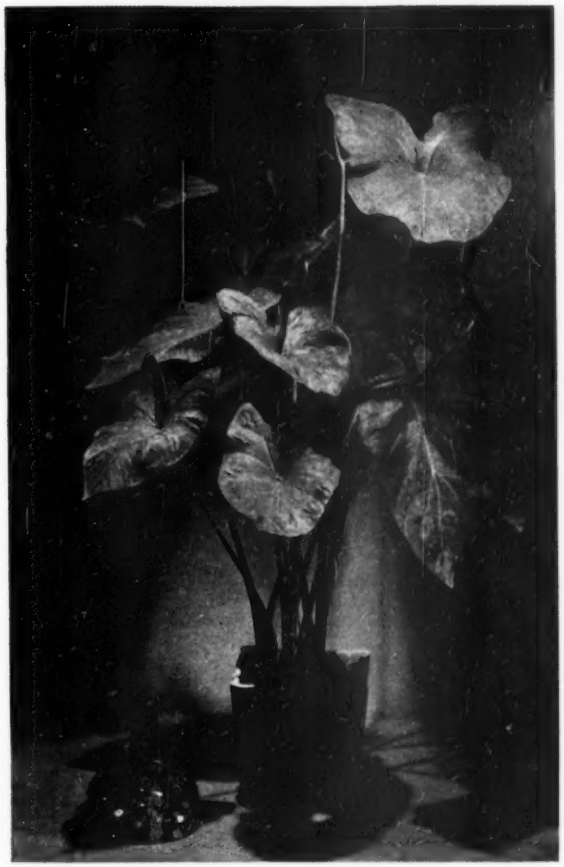
Glamour plants to liven your rooms

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

NEW containers—brand-new ideas for settings and lighting—exciting new colors and shapes like the smooth, wide-open amaryllis blooms shown opposite—secrets of better handling—these are the big news in house plants.

The containers—from the copper well sunk into a spanking new living-room table, and the pottery boxes that guarantee no mars or water marks, to the new-old glazed jars for sunny Bermuda Buttercups—all do their jobs smartly.

Note the latest tips we give here for growing your plants. All plants shown can be started now. Use mirrors and lights to bring out colors and outlines dramatically. Then your house plants will earn you bushels of compliments.



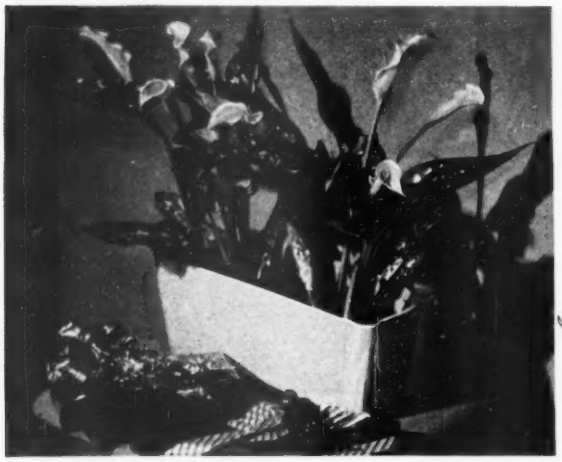
Fancyleaf caladiums give rich color

To start

To plant

With their patterned leaves, caladiums can rival amaryllis for color display. Caladiums grow from small rough bulbs. They thrive on warmth, a loose soil, and plenty of water. Colors are variations on the red and green pictured, pink dots of all sizes, and all-white veined with green. Buy started plants or dry bulbs from your florist. To start, lay bulbs, top side down on damp soil or sponge until roots start from close about the crowns. Reverse to plant.

Idea: Because caladium leaves show brightest where light shines thru them, shift your plants from the window at night to a spot where a lamp can make them glow



Golden callas are always decorative

These, also, grow from bulbs. Handle them as you do amaryllis. Once in growth, the trim distinctive callas make handsome yellow-flowered pot plants right up to daffodil time.

Idea: Plant a golden calla bulb in each of several 6-inch pots. When buds show, set your pots in a long pottery box. Choose soft buff or gray pottery, to compliment the flowers and make a prettier display. On the bottom use 1 inch of pebbles, broken clay pots, or vermiculite. Add water as needed to keep this layer constantly wet

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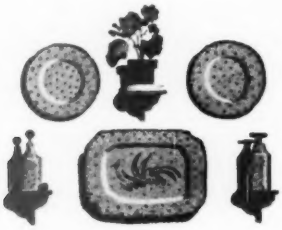
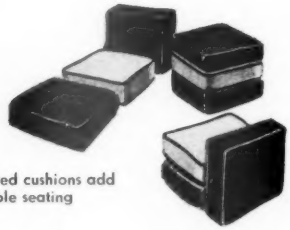
Low cupboard shields dining-nook table and chairs

Game room's the spot for informal buffet parties

Set heirloom dishes on a ruffle-trimmed shelf



Plates and plants for nook-wall decor



Upholstered cushions add comfortable seating

Stretch canvas roof like awning over outdoor living porch

Flashy wallpaper makes your breakfast nook a separate room

Drawings: Harry Richardson and Ric Howard

Decorating—how to go about it *No. 5 in a series*

Rooms for easy, informal living

Shelf plus stools equals breakfast bar

By Christine Holbrook

DOES your family need more elbowroom? That extra space for midnight snacks and handicraft and bridge parties needn't be a dream of the too-far future if you have a convertible attic, basement, sunroom, or breezeway. You may even find that rearranging your furniture in the rooms you're using now will turn the trick.

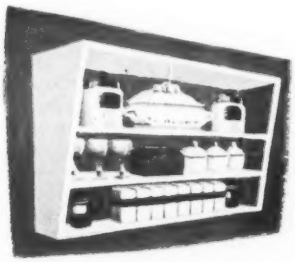
Breakfast corner

Eating in the kitchen is a good old American custom. And if you're busy with housekeeping, you'll want to join the swing back to breakfasts, quick lunches, Sunday suppers, and party snacks in a kitchen nook. A breakfast corner can be worked into many kitchens in a nook or alcove handy to the sink and stove yet out of regular kitchen traffic. Set a work counter at right angles to the wall to make a nook where none exists. Put your table beneath sunny corner window or try a counter with stools or a drop-leaf table against a wall.

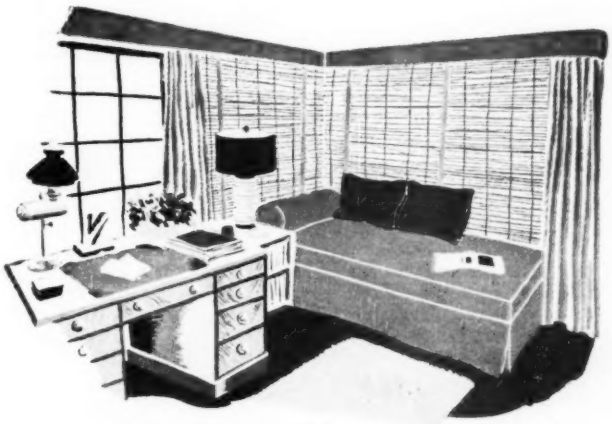
If you have the space, a regular table and chairs will be more comfortable than built-ins. Counter arrangements are clever spacesavers, but they aren't very chummy for informal family meals. Weigh the advantage of each setup before you decide which you prefer. And consider how well your nook will serve for extracurricular activities: play space on rainy days, meal-planning, laundry sorting, and canning.

Carry your kitchen color scheme into your nook. Plaid, check, flower- or fruit-patterned curtains and wallpaper look informal and gay—but be sure they pick up or complement kitchen colors. Good light, both [*Turn to page 94*

Outdoor barbecue is a standing invitation to party



Condiment shelf is handy hung above your stove



Sheer curtains and blinds wall part of your sunroom

William M. Irving

In Bellmawr, New Jersey, the Frank Coppolas calk a shelter

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In Minneapolis, Pilot Don Finke frames a door

H. B. Edwards

In Massapequa Park, New York, Jay Karpin touches up stucco

Pay yourself those high wages

. . . and have the home

IN PORTLAND, OREGON, a packing-house worker bought a few acres of suburban land, dug a basement and mixed concrete for it, and built a house for his family. A 70-year-old retired minister and his wife, 65, purchased a concrete mold and started a home in Florida from scratch. A group of Des Moines firemen organized a building bee to provide homes for themselves and their families.

In Maryland, a couple converted a garage into a single-bedroom house. A Connecticut hunt club's foxhound kennel has been made over into an attractive home by another couple.

In other cities homeowners are adding rooms to their homes, making attics livable, finishing basement rooms, and building porches. One building-material dealer estimates that 80 out of every 100 customers are doing part, or all, of their work themselves. Dealers list these types of projects as most common among the part-time builders: Small houses (usually five-room structures), adding rooms to existing houses, enclosing porches to make rooms, building garages and patios.

The weekend builders are achieving their first goal. Hundreds of new houses have been built by these amateurs, and they have remodeled many more. Their families are better housed. In the years to come the part-time carpenters, bricklayers, and plumbers will realize that they have accomplished two secondary results.

In pushing thru their building and improvement programs, they have earned for themselves high wages—the $3.50 an hour some electricians are getting, the $3 commanded by some plumbers—wages in many cases greater than the amateurs themselves earn in their normal full-time employment. This means that they have homes they otherwise could not now afford. Their equity in those homes is greater than it would have been had they borrowed the money and repaid it with interest over a long period—a solid nest egg against the future.

ANOTHER secondary result of their enterprise is that these people will make better home-buyers and owners. They know more about building, and will be able to purchase sounder houses. And with their newly acquired skills, they will be able to maintain their homes better than in the past.

These part-time builders represent no single economic level, no one social group. They are bankers and bakers, architects and engravers, day workers and butchers. Of this clientele, one Beverly Hills, California, dealer has this to say: "We get some doctors, lawyers, bankers, and also ex-G.I.'s, but they're all in overalls and old clothes, and we can't tell who they are. A couple of weeks ago, Jimmy and Mrs. Roosevelt were in for a few bags of stuff. They're adding a room to their house."

DIVERSE tho these amateurs are, they do have much in common. They own their homes, or are building them, they are doing the work themselves in odd moments, and they consider having adequate living quarters for their families something worth a sacrifice.

They are doing hard, unaccustomed work at the loss of their leisure time. Husbands and wives are working together,

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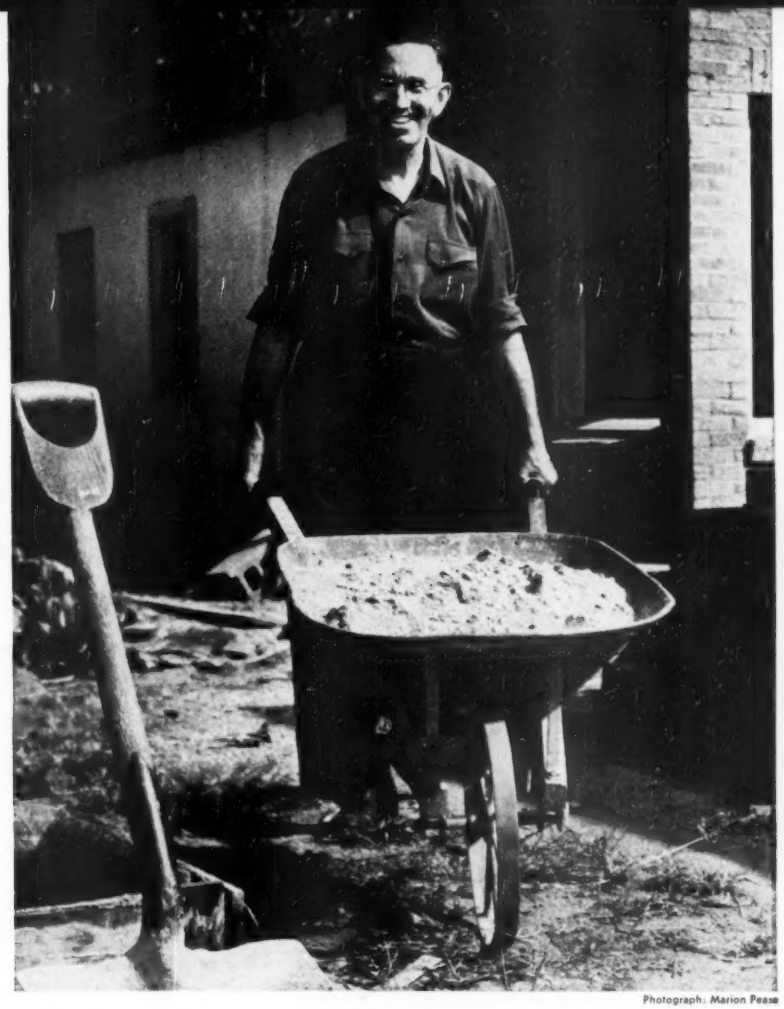
In Battle Creek, Michigan, the Edmond Suttons nail



Photograph: Marion Pease

In Des Moines, Iowa, weekend builder C. T. Kirkwood moves sand as he builds his new home

you want—now

mixing mortar, sawing joists, puzzling over blueprints, sanding and painting. Together they are enjoying cups of coffee as they "take a five" from their work, and together they are discovering the feel of achievement as their homes take shape.

THESE people have dug deep in themselves and found the hard core of integrity and drive that characterized this nation's pioneers. The borders of the young United States were pushed westward by teachers and tanners who became what they had to be in the new country—woodsmen, farmers—and builders. Their present-day counterparts are proving that the self-reliance of the frontiersmen is not dead, that Americans are as able to take care of themselves now as they ever have been.

In common with their trail-blazing ancestors, these people are motivated by economics. Overcrowding, depletion of lands, and scarcity of other resources started the covered wagons rolling. A shortage of housing, high wages and full employment of skilled workmen, and costliness of building materials are putting thousands of homeowners into painters' caps and carpenters' aprons.

Stories of these present-day pioneers are much alike—telling of a willingness to work hard to get better housing cheaper. Maybe by reading some of them, you will get the inspiration to build the home you've been dreaming about. One—65-year-old C. T. Kirkwood of Des Moines, Iowa—describes his project in these words:

"THIS isn't my story—it's really the story of my wife, Jennie. She wanted a house planned just for her. And since we started building it, she's done a lot more work on it than I have.

"We bought a lot last April. She did most of the work on the plans herself, then called in a contractor. After he made his estimate, Jennie decided to do her own contracting.

"She had been keeping the books at the warehouse, and we made a deal: I'd take over her work at the office, and she'd spend her time at the new house. I've done most of my work on the house Saturdays.

"Jennie had two things in mind in building the house: One was to get a place designed to our own needs; the other, to have a house arranged so we could have an apartment upstairs, and rent the rest, if we ever should want to. I'm 65; Jennie's 62.

"Since we started building, Jennie's been on the job at 6:30 in the morning, and it's been hard to get her away from it before dark. The bricklayer says she's done half of it—mixing mortar, hoisting bricks up, pounding in nails, and painting. We've had one carpenter on steady, and we've hired others as we've needed them. She really shouldn't be doing that type of work herself, but she told me the other day that she didn't know when she's felt better than this summer

"EVERYTHING'S gone like clockwork—the frame is up, roof is on, windows are mostly in, and she's painting screen doors now. The garage is practically finished.

"We haven't kept a record of our own time on the house, but I'll bet we save between $5,000 and $6,000."

More about part-time builders, page 120

Low and spread out in Colonial tradition, the design successfully combines whitewashed brick, horizontal clapboards, and a touch of vertical siding into a house as charming and graceful as its many forebears, but as modern as today

A fine plan–a fine house

This is Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home No. 1812

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Fireplace wall in the living room is paneled in random-width pine. Bookshelves with cupboards below balance the door to the unfinished upstairs storage area (right). The wood box to the right of the fireplace fits under these stairs

By John Normile, A.I.A.

A HOUSE is as good as its floor plan. No matter what style of architecture you prefer or how beautiful the setting, if the house doesn't work the way you want it to work, it isn't the house for you.

It's the floor plan that makes *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 1812 a fine house. It is suited to today's needs, tho the exterior hearkens to the recent past for its pleasant lines. Why is it a good plan? Because of:

▸ A large, light living room. The entrance door is well protected from both rain and wind, so that lack of an entrance hall isn't an objectionable feature. Because the living room juts out beyond the front of the rest of the house, it has three-way ventilation, and two entire walls available for furniture arrangement.

▸ A well-arranged kitchen. Range, refrigerator, and sink all have work space next to them, and the two inside walls are lined with cupboards. An entrance door off the sheltered front porch saves steps in answering the front door and in receiving deliveries of groceries.

▸ Two corner bedrooms. Placed on the back of the lot, these rooms are quiet at all times. Hallway, closets, fireplace, and stairway help keep social noise in the living room from disturbing sleepers. There is plenty of wall space for beds and dressers, and storage space for clothes is adequate.

▸ A big utility room. Here you have your heating plant, water heater, broom closet, added cabinet space for canned goods, and wall space for laundry equipment.

▸ A partial second floor. Tho upstairs space is narrow for a bedroom, it can be used for guests. Its main purpose, however, [*Turn to page 137*

You can buy complete plans for any Better Homes & Gardens 5 STAR home

With this newest cavity conqueror, more promising even than fluorine because it seems to work on everyone and can be used at home . . .

Now you can slam the brakes on tooth decay!

By J. D. Lawrence and Lawrence Galton

A REVOLUTIONARY new way to prevent tooth decay—by merely brushing your teeth with a dentifrice containing a new bacteria-killing and acid-neutralizing ingredient—promises to make history. There is plenty of evidence that the new ingredient will mean fewer cavities for you and your whole family, fewer occasions for going under the dentist's drill, and a decided cut in your dental expense. Moreover, since decaying teeth can be focal points of infection, with repercussions thruout the body, it may mean an improvement in your over-all health.

This newly developed ingredient, a blend of urea and dibasic ammonium phosphate, comes hard on the heels of fluorine which is just coming into wide use to lower the decay rate in children. In youngsters, because the two methods aren't antagonistic, but complementary, the new ingredient offers a good chance of whittling away at the remaining 60 percent of children's cavities that fluorine doesn't prevent. But this newest discovery isn't only for children, it's for adults as well—for all the estimated 95 percent of Americans who suffer from decay.

As we went to press, Dr. Donald A. Wallace, secretary of the Council on Dental Therapeutics told us this about the new discovery: "It is backed by convincing evidence of potential therapeutic value."

Dentifrices containing the new ingredient are called "ammoniated" or "ammonium ion" dentifrices because the materials they contain generate ammonia when moistened. The ammonia does the job, and it turns out to be a multiple-panzer assault on decay.

IT'S an easy-to-follow assault, too. Every time you eat sweets, chemicals called enzymes set off a reaction in your mouth by which the sweets are changed to acid. The acid starts eating away at your teeth.

To be sure, some tooth-decay enzymes are naturally present in your saliva and in the food you eat. But most of them are created by certain bacteria which swarm in your mouth. The bacteria are known by the jawbreaking name of *Lactobacillus acidophilus*. Let's just call them L. a. bacteria.

Scientists aren't yet willing to go out on a limb and ascribe all the dirty work to L. a. bacteria. But they do know that these particular microbes are always present in large numbers when the dirty work occurs.

The evidence shows that an ammoniated dentifrice not only kills off the L. a. bacteria. In addition, it goes on to slow down the process by which enzymes turn sugar into acid, and even neutralizes acid already formed.

As tho all this weren't enough, it goes on to do another vital job. The focal points of decay in your mouth are gluey

coatings which accumulate on certain areas of your teeth and act as catchalls for bacteria.

These coatings also soak up the acid and hold it close to the tooth enamel—right where it will do the most harm.

Ammonia's final coup is to go to work on those gluey accumulations, breaking them down so that they're no longer happy little homes for bacteria.

Incredible?

Consider the case of one man of 45, who in 44 months had had 13 cavities. In the next 44 months, using an experimental ammonium dentifrice, he developed just one cavity.

There was the young woman of 23, who over a 6½-year period had to have 46 cavities filled. In the next 45 months, using ammonium ion, she developed none at all.

Of course, dentists don't put too much faith in wonderful results reported in individual cases. But when you get such results in a sizable group, that's another story—a significant one.

Recently, before the International Association for Dental Research, Dr. Chester J. Henschel, of New York City, reported that he and his associates—Dr. Leon Lieber, Dr. Jack Kopely, and Dr. Morris H. Gudwin—had kept dental histories of 150 carefully observed adults, 100 of them using a dentifrice containing ammonium ion. This group showed an average reduction of 35 percent in cavities.

IN ILLINOIS another mass experiment is taking place in the public schools of Aurora and Peoria. There fifth and sixth graders are brushing their teeth with an ammoniated dentifrice compounded according to a formula developed at the University of Illinois by Dr. Robert G. Kesel, J. F. O'Donnell, Dr. E. R. Kirch, and Dr. E. C. Wach.

The first clue that ammonia might be effective in fighting tooth decay was turned up back in 1934 by Carl J. and Carl T. Grove, a father-and-son team of dental researchers in St. Paul. They were comparing the saliva of individuals who seemed to be immune to cavities with that of individuals suffering from active tooth decay. There was just one striking difference. The saliva of those who seemed immune had a noticeably higher ammonia content.

Following up this lead, the Groves discovered that ammonia would dissolve the gluey coatings on the teeth. They concluded that ammonia, if not a complete answer to the mystery of decay, was at least a protection. In 1942, the Groves tossed in additional evidence showing that ammonia inhibited the growth of L. a. bacteria.

THE next important step was made by Dr. Robert M. Stephan, of the United States Public Health Service. He knew that the ammonia in saliva, which comes partly from the breaking down of urea found in everyone's mouth, counteracts the acid tendencies of the gluey coatings. He reasoned that if extra urea could be introduced into the saliva, it might be possible to make a person artifically immune to cavities.

With Dr. Benjamin F. Miller, Stephan experimented on a group of teen-age patients at the Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic in Chicago. For two years the teen-agers brushed their teeth twice a day with synthetic urea. Result was a whopping 95-percent reduction in the occurrence of cavities.

In 1945, Doctor Kesel and his group at Illinois, in a brilliant series of bacteriological tests, proved that ammonia would kill L. a. bacteria, just as the Groves had claimed.

Next Kesel's group cast around for a suitable ammonia-containing substance and came up with a compound called dibasic ammonium phosphate. They incorporated it into a dentifrice and mouth rinse which was handed out to a select group of dental students and patients at the University of Illinois Dental Clinic—"select" meaning they were individuals whose mouths teemed with a particularly high percentage of L. a. bacteria.

For five months, the human guinea pigs used diabasic ammonium phosphate every morning and night. Every week they reported to the clinic for an L. a. count. At the end of five months, Kesel and his associates reported that every individual except one (who was uncooperative) showed marked reduction in the number of L. a. present in his saliva. Moreover, the patients said their mouths felt "exceptionally clean." Examinations showed their teeth were notably free from coatings and deposits.

BOTH urea and dibasic ammonium phosphate offered certain unique advantages as cavity-preventive agents. Urea had a more effective action on the gluey coatings. Dibasic ammonium phosphate provided a quicker knockout punch against the L. a. bacteria. In combination, the two were found to be more potent than either alone.

Today different formulas for the combination have been developed, one by the Kesel group, the other by Henschel and his associates. The difference is in the percentage of urea used.

You can get ammoniated dentifrices now, at an ever-increasing number of drugstores. (Don't go off half-cocked and start brushing your teeth with household ammonia. For it is entirely different from the chemical substances used in ammonium-ion dentifrices.)

For best protection you should brush your teeth immediately after every meal. Tooth decay isn't the continuous gnawing-away process that it was once thought to be, but may occur with explosive intensity immediately after you've eaten carbohydrates. That's why it's important to brush your teeth as soon as possible after eating.

If you think this is too Spartan a program, and if you're not too susceptible to cavities, chances are you can get by with twice-a-day brushing—once after breakfast, and once after the evening meal. If you like to raid the refrigerator before you go to bed, your second brushing can wait till after your bedtime snack.

With only a single brushing daily, the effectiveness of an ammoniated dentifrice probably dwindles considerably. But even then it should offer some protection, since an appreciable effect may persist for as long as 24 hours. Don't rinse your mouth with water after using an ammoniated dentifrice. Leave the residue there, where it can go on generating ammonia.

No one claims that ammonium is a cure-all. It's not likely that any one preventive of tooth decay will ever be a panacea.

But here, from all the evidence, is a simple, inexpensive way to cut down on cavities, pain, and expense and to add to the well-being and good health of every member of your family.

Save your house from middle age

You long since stopped driving a Model T. Now the Peter Nicholsons of Indiana show you how to stop living in one

Photographs: Emelie Danielson Nicholson

BEFORE The kids were singing "Barney Google," and Rudy Vallee, Red Grange, and Graham McNamee were great names across the land. That year, 1926, Peter Nicholson found this plan in a Sears Roebuck catalog, and, as he puts it, "added a few tricks I thought at the time gave it something"

By Walter Adams

YOU look at this house and what was done to it and you see where you make your mistake. That mistake is this: You get so used to living in your house, so settled, that you don't realize how very far the world has left you and your house behind.

You don't see that there's a lot of good living in your house that you're not getting out of it.

Look at the house on these next six pages. It is only 22 years old. It was built in the year of Daddy and Peaches Browning, the year Aimee Semple MacPherson disappeared. As houses go, that isn't old. No.

No?

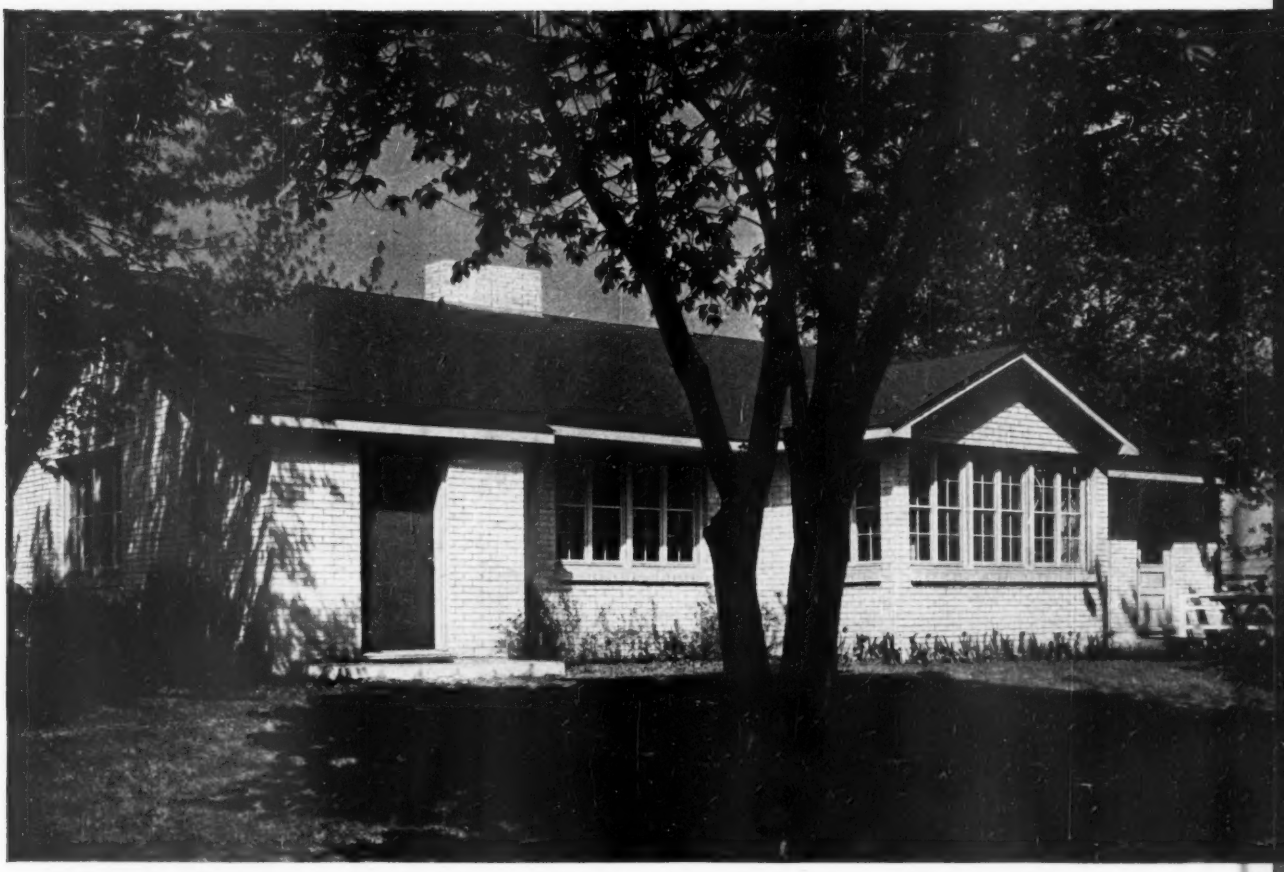
That house has stood thru boom, crash, recovery, war. It has stood thru 10-cent corn and $2 corn, bank holidays and oomph girls, flagpole sitting and atom splitting, soup lines and 60 million jobs.

When it was built, houses had three closets, no color, useless porches, and hard-to-get-around-in plans. Cars had wooden-spoke wheels, cranks in front, and 25 horsepower. Women tried to hide their hips and bound their breasts down. The house belonged to that time.

The changes that have come about are more than a matter of style, of skirts going up and down, hair going up and down, of mohair sofas and dark, heavy woodwork and oatmeal-colored walls. Here Peter and Emelie Nicholson and their daughter Caroline show you that.

They show you how to look at a middle-aged home with fresh eyes. They show you how to see it for what it is, how to get out of it the full and valuable use that is already there.

Of course, it won't do you a bit of good, when you're thru, unless you do something about it yourself.



AFTER

"One change led to another—a thousand others"

In the old house there were three closets; bedrooms were small; the dining room was a passageway. "We'll make just a few necessary changes," the Nicholsons said, and calmly planned to enclose the porches. But before they were thru, they found a way to get an entrance hall, a study, 10 closets, two bathrooms, larger bedrooms and kitchen, a dining terrace, and a house a lot easier to get around in.

BEFORE This porch, the sort our generation swung and necked on, darkened the living room, and made it best for melancholy brooding

AFTER Peter Nicholson used the same foundation and roof, bricked in the wall. "It was exciting. That porch made our hall with three closets, our study"

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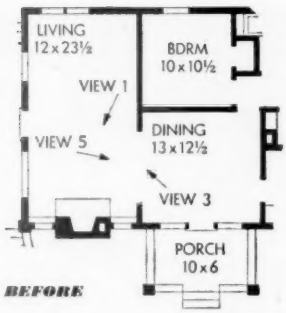
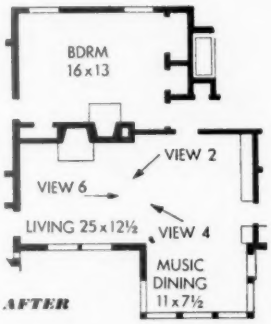
Save the middle-aged inside, too *Continued*

View 1 on plan at right

BEFORE Remember? Valentino had sideburns and passion and Clara Bow had It





View 3 on plan

BEFORE

View 2. This window replaced the old fireplace shown above. Sofa is the old one with back and arms rebuilt. Note how color scheme of the room comes from chintz draperies

YOU see it here—the difference between then and now, between what you've got and what you can get. You see mousy colors change to rich colors, useless woodwork to storage walls, clutter to order, gloom to light.

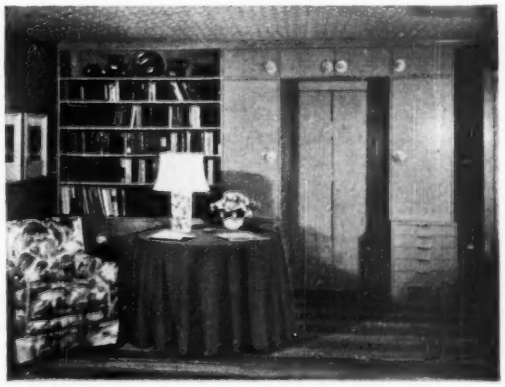
You see that a middle-aged house can be as young as you make it.

Both Peter and Emelie Nicholson had a fine time, a fine adventure, but don't tell you glibly it was all fun. "We *planned* it intelligently," Emelie says. "We would do one room at a time, living a little inconveniently perhaps but avoiding a mess. Well, you know what happens to fine plans. We literally shoveled it out."

But there was coffee on the terrace afternoons for everyone, one workman or six. "There's something exciting about having a house built around you, seeing every detail of construction," Emelie says.

AFTER View 4. As the ads say, compare. Here is a sample of what you can do in your own living room—a sample of the clean, colorful, good living that awaits you if you care to reach for it. The dotted line on View 3 shows where this fireplace wall was built

BEFORE View 5. "We didn't have storage space. We kept linens, records, and books in boxes. There were boxes all over the house"



AFTER View 6. No boxes now. The Nicholsons breakfast in the kitchen, often dine on terrace. Queen Anne table extends for dining

See kitchen and bedroom on next page ——→

Saved: Kitchen, bedroom

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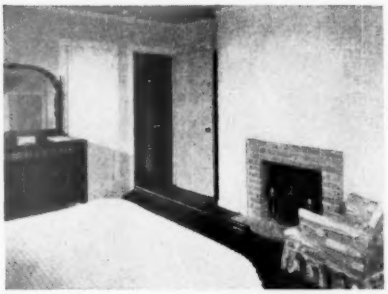
BEFORE

"The man said, 'Why do it? Why don't you get an apartment?' I said, 'Your home should grow with you. I don't want to live in a cave'."—Peter Nicholson

AFTER It's not the age of your house that makes a kitchen old. It's what is in it. "We moved our end wall four feet into the old back porch, sold the range, moved the old cabinets to the fruit cellar," Emelie says. "Now, with new cabinets, there's a place for everything, and our breakfast table gets the morning sun. As you see from the floor plan, we used to go thru the dining room and hall to get to the basement. 'Let's knock out the chimney and cut a door,' Peter said. It had never occured to me"



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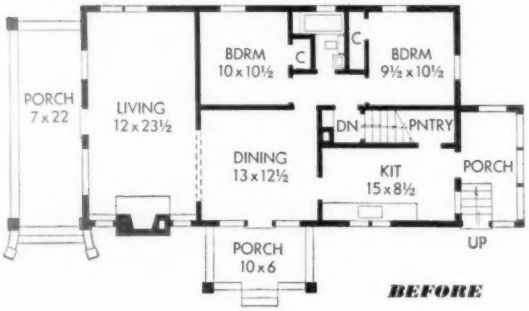
In the lower picture you see the bedroom as it was; in the top one it's at an intermediate stage—"after we remodeled but before we decorated." Look at the opposite page. Moral: Space and closets aren't enough. You have to have color, pattern, the woman's touch



BEFORE

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AFTER This, remember, is a 1926 Indiana bungalow. "The rocker is a bit of sentiment," says Emelie Nicholson, "an old mahogany one from my childhood home"

In spite of the sentiment and the chintz, you get a clean, cool, almost sophisticated room. How? By using shades of one color, green, thruout, with red for accent

For more on saving it from the mohair age, see page 127 →

Gifts for your bedroom and bath

Sheets and pillowcases come with border design that matches blue in these reversible blankets. Marigold blanket and forest-green rug accent blues

By Helen Stark

PRACTICAL gifts that have spark and drama color-wise are always welcome, for they'll repeat their Merry Christmas message the year round. And what could be a nicer choice than these royal-blue towels, dusty-rose bathroom rug, or a pair of fluffy, emerald-green blankets?

Time was when linens were drab and uninteresting. But now even sheets and pillowcases have gift appeal. You'll find towels, sheets, rugs, blankets of nearly every color in both pastels and bright shades. So treat yourself and your family to good, clear colors like these that are easy to mix and match for a cheery rainbow effect in your bath and bedrooms.

Peach sheets and cedar-colored blankets bring out the brownness and mellow warmth of the furniture and the shag rugs. Gay pink, blue, and chartreuse stripes on white blankets add the just right contrasting color spark

Drawings: Harry Richardson

Towel sets of different colors for each member of your family will settle the problems of whose towels are whose. Clear, bright colors like citron, gold, and dark green blend easily with one another—and give your pastel-and-white bathroom a new lease on life

Monogrammed sheets look crisp and fresh turned down over emerald-green blankets. Yellow organdy curtains match bed's dust ruffle. Brown and natural plaid rug links green and yellow together. In your linen closet—more colorful linens

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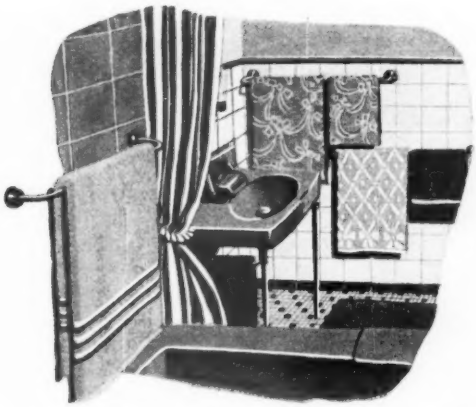

Dark-pink (really dubonnet) shower curtains, royal-blue and deep-rose towels, and a magic-blue bathroom rug offer you an interesting variation on your pet pink-and-blue color scheme. Gray-mist towels blend and highlight the other colors

Gray-and-blue spread dresses up your guest-room bed. Thermostatic blanket has handy control so you needn't worry about guest's comfort. Dust-rose rug blends with rose-cedar blanket and subdued spread colors

Milton Caniff is creator of "Steve Canyon," "Male Call," and "Terry and the Pirates" comic strips, and winner of the Billy De Beck memorial award as outstanding cartoonist of 1947

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Living-room fireside is a comfortable conversation spot

Milton Caniff's modern home

By Esther Hansen McTighe

PERCHED on High Tor Ridge in Westchester, just outside New York City, is Milton Caniff's rugged modern home. Because he and his wife must work long, irregular hours preparing his comic strips, their home is a sort of hideaway. The house is built on the side of a mountain and has several levels. Window walls catch every view of huge old evergreen and oak trees outside. Cinder-block walls, rough-hewn beams, and natural honey-colored woodwork give his home a rugged, distinctive character. Furniture, rugs, and draperies are all informal modern, chosen with an eye to comfort and simplicity.

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Hard-working Caniffs seldom leave their mountain retreat for theater trips to Broadway, so they converted a small guest room into an informal television showroom. Here they can have dinner on trays and portable tables while they watch the shows. Campstools make for comfortable sitting, may be folded and stored easily when not in use

Photographs: William F. Howland

Activity in the Caniff home revolves around the studio

Caniff's studio is on an upper level of his home and has a wonderful view of huge old trees thru two window walls. Workdays start about four in the afternoon and go on until sunrise to keep up Caniff's schedule of six daily Steve Canyon comic strips and a big one for Sunday. While her husband is working (he strips in text with his right hand, draws with his left), Mrs. Caniff collects background data

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No wonder it's America's favorite! For here's the soup that has everything. Pour it—and its steaming fragrance whispers an invitation. See it—and its bright red color cheers you and lures your spoon. Taste it—and you know again there's just no soup in all the world like Campbell's Tomato Soup. That's because the luscious, specially grown tomatoes, creamery butter, and gentle seasoning are combined in that just-so way, according to a matchless recipe. Had this wonderful soup lately? Prepare it, for a change, with milk, instead of water—as an extra-delicious cream of tomato.

LOOK FOR THE RED-AND-WHITE LABEL

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Floss'n

Smörgåsbord

By Myrna Johnston

HERE is a holiday party that will set the pace for an evening of good eating and good fellowship. For the centerpiece we've used the traditional Swedish crown which symbolizes bounty, Swedish Christmas deer, and wooden yule trees. At the upper left of the page, we're serving Potato Salad Bowl . . . and help yourself to the cold-meat tray of head cheese, ham, and onion chrysanthemum. Twin-compartment dish holds Swedish Meat Balls with Brown Beans. Then try the stuffed eggs and shrimp. The center plate holds pickled beets with onion rings, pickled herring, radishes, olives, and tiny pickles, and butter balls. At right is a Fruit Gelatine Mold, Swedish rye bread, lingonberries, and a dessert cheese tray. At the top—Skol! The hot punch jug is circled with a celery-leaf wreath. Swedish mints fill the candleholders.

On page 183 we give you the traditional Swedish recipes modified a bit to suit our American tastes.

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Photograph: Charles Kuoni

Christmas foods in Christmas colors

ON PAGE 37 you find new colors in holiday decorations for the front door, the buffet, and mantel. Now take a look in the kitchen—here we stick to the old-time red and green.

Christmas in the kitchen is red candles and green holly. It's red cranberries, red apples, and red-striped candy canes; it's the green cherry on the Christmas cookies.

On the page opposite are holiday salad, snack, and dessert ideas. From the popcorn balls to the candle cakes and flaming puddings, each uses red and green. The popcorn balls are Christmas treats for the neighborhood small fry or handouts for the folks who trim the tree. The tray holds Christmas cakes you can pass for afternoon coffee when friends drop in. See other suggestions below.

Christmas Eve

MAIN DISH	VEGETABLE	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT	NICE TO SERVE
Bowls of Cream of Chicken Soup	Celery Hearts Pickle Slices	Cream Cheese and Onion or Chive Sandwiches	Popcorn Balls* Candy Canes* Cold Red Apples	Mugs of Milk Hot Spiced Cider in Red Glasses

Turn cream of chicken soup from the can, add milk, and heat. Pour into warm bowls, a little chunk of butter in the bottom of each bowl. Top soup with sprigs of green parsley. Spread whole-wheat bread fingers with cream cheese and minced onion filling. You could wrap the peppermint candy canes and popcorn balls in cellophane, tie with ribbons and holly for gifts.

The Christmas Feast

Roast Turkey With Chestnut Stuffing* or Gravy Walnut Butter Sauce	Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Baked Squash Squares	Jellied Cranberry Sauce With Wreaths of Water Cress	Steamed Plum Puddings* Foamy Sauce*	Grape Shrub Coffee Red and Green Mints

Steam or bake holiday puddings in custard cups. Add a drop of green food coloring to a teaspoon of water. Drizzle over coconut spread on waxed paper, and shake. Brush marshmallows with corn syrup or honey, roll in coconut. Add melted butter and chopped walnuts to broccoli. For Grape Shrub you simply stir a tablespoon of ice cream into chilled grape juice.

Christmas Day Open House

Turkey Finger Rolls Deviled Ham and Toasted Cheese Sandwiches	Carrot Curls Ripe and Green Olives	Lime Fruit-Salad Molds Greens Mayonnaise (Red Cherry Atop)	Candle Coconut Cakes Almond Cookies* Daisy Cakes	Cranberry-Juice Cocktail* Coffee—Tea Spiced Sugared Walnuts

Fix the party food early. Use a packaged cake mix, bake the batter in paper nut cups, spread the cool cakes with green icing, and tuck in almond petals, red cherry centers. Sprinkle slivered almonds on delicate butter cookies, add green cherry centers. For the candle cakes, cut sheet cake in 1- by 3-inch strips. Frost white. Dip in coconut. Make the candles with gumdrops.

Supper the Twenty-Sixth

Sliced Roast Pork and Turkey	Scalloped Potatoes and Onion Casserole*	Avocado-Cranberry-Orange Salad* Holly Garnish	Mincemeat Pastries* Nippy Cheese	Coffee Milk

Garnish platter with water cress or parsley and red crabapple pickles. Sprinkle avocado halves with lemon juice and fill with cranberry-orange relish just before serving. Add holly sprigs for an easy, effective Christmas touch. Bake mincemeat pastries in the shape of stars, trees, and bells. Guests can eat them with their fingers. Serve with nippy cheese and hot coffee.

Candlelight Buffet

Turkey or Chicken Tetrazzini*	Buttered Green Limas	Holiday Salad Bowl* Poppy-Seed Rolls or Crescents	Peach Melba Meringues*	Cups of Hot Tomato Bouillon

Make Peach Melba Meringues early, adding a drop or two of green coloring to the egg white-sugar mixture. Garnish each baked meringue with holly sprigs. (Press gumdrops flat, snip holly leaves with scissors. Quarter red maraschino cherries; cut off ends of each quarter to make berries.) You could serve Turkey or Chicken Tetrazzini in individual casseroles on a tray.

Photograph: Charles Kuoni

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Gifts FOR HER KITCHEN

By Janice Price

A CHRISTMAS gift for her kitchen is always good—something to make her work easier or faster, something to make cooking and serving three meals a day fun. Whether you have 50 dollars or 50 cents to spend, there's a suggestion here for you. For gifts $2 to $5, $1 to $2, $1 and under—see page 88.

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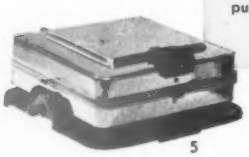

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1 Automatic electric roaster can be used for cooking whole meals, roasting meats, baking cakes and pies. Dial, bottom right, lifts lid. Clock turns it on, off automatically

2 Electric buffet server keeps foods hot, or filled with cracked ice, cool

3 Automatic coffee maker brews coffee; keeps it hot until you are ready to serve it

4 Push-button coffee maker goes into action when you push button at base. When coffee's brewed, heat is reduced to keep coffee at serving temperature

5 Waffle baker-grill makes 4 waffles or 4 sandwiches at one time. Lift out waffle grids, fold back lid for two large, flat cooking surfaces

6 Electric mixer comes with one big, one small mixing bowl, and juice extractor

7 Automatic pop-up toaster gives exact color of toast you want. You push a button to open the crumb tray for quick, easy cleaning

8 Trio of triangular cookers may be used on table. With glass tops, no need to lift the lids to see

9 Liquidizer turns fresh fruit and vegetables into vitamin-rich drinks, chops nuts, shaves ice, turns out puree for baby food or soups

$10 TO $20 →

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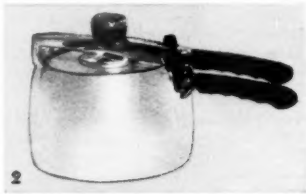

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1 Electric-iron temperature dial is set without moving hand from iron

2 Pressure saucepan releases pressure quickly, safely, without water-cooling

3 Steam iron changes to dry iron by flipping switch to turn off steam

4 New-type pressure cooker has two compartments—lower pan holds water; upper pan, food. Works like a pressure cooker, but under pressure steam never comes in contact with food

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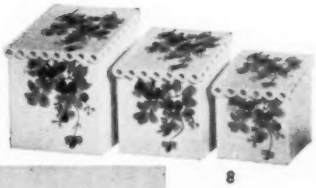
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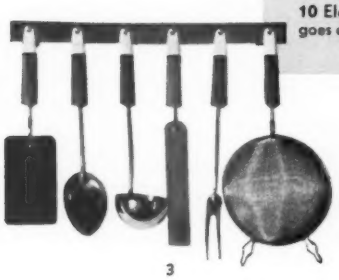
1 Chicken fryer is aluminum and copper. Long, plastic handle stays cool
2 Multiple-purpose double boiler. Use top section (1½- and 2½-quart sizes) as mixing bowl, serving dish; bottom (3- or 4-quart) as saucepan
3 Kitchen-tool set comes with handy wall rack. Tools are stainless steel
4 Electric corn popper. You can watch corn pop thru glass top
5 Aluminum broiling and roasting platter, 18½ inches long, has detachable handles. Replace them for serving. Leatherette hot pad protects table
6 Carousel cooky jar has gay hand-painted animals, striped awning lid
7 Kitchen stool has padded back, seat. Other models are available with or without back, and with baked-on enamel instead of the upholstery
8 Apple-blossom canister set has hinged lids. There's a matching bread-box, spice rack, wastepaper basket. Strawberry or morning-glory pattern
9 Hammered aluminum fryette with plastic handles may be taken to table. In it you can cook meats and vegetables in a minute amount of water
10 Electric kitchen clock, in white, ivory, or red, is self-starting if current goes off. A red signal reminds you to reset it to the right time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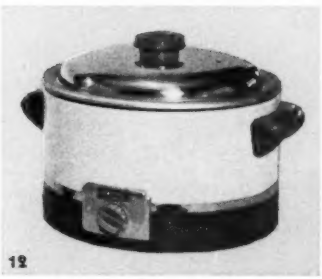
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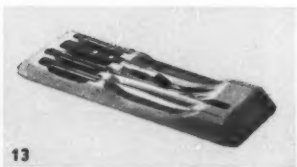
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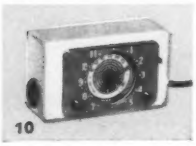
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5 Hanging cupboard holds herbs and blended vinegars; doors have rack for recipes, a place for measuring spoons

6 Sandwich grill converts quickly to waffle baker with addition of grids

7 Aluminum casserole holder has 3-quart glass liner, tulip-bud handle

8 Electric coffee mill gives choice of 16 different grinds; holds 1¼ pounds

9 Steak-knife set, 6 or 8 pieces, has ivory plastic handles, chrome trim.

10 Timer clock makes your small electric appliances automatic

11 Six-quart pressure cooker will hold 7-pound pot roast, or 6-pound chicken

12 Electric roasterette holds 8-pound roast. Thermostat turns on, off

13 Host carving set has fork, roast knife, steak knife, sharpening steel

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Hot from the oven for the holidays

By Tasting-Test Kitchen Staff

OUT of the flour bin and sugar canister, off the spice shelf, and out of the packages of candied fruits and raisins and nuts come the makings for festive Christmas breads and rolls. And out of the oven the *fragrance* of Christmas—that big part of Christmas that happens in the kitchen. Maybe it's a pan of fresh muffins for a family holiday breakfast. Maybe it's a frosted Sugar Plum Loaf you bake for your neighbor. Look at the pictures for ideas and below for the recipes.

Frosted Raisin Rolls

1 cup evaporated milk, scalded
1 cup hot water
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup shortening
2 cakes fresh or 2 packages granular yeast
2 beaten eggs
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
7 cups enriched flour

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¼ cup butter or fortified margarine, melted
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup seedless raisins

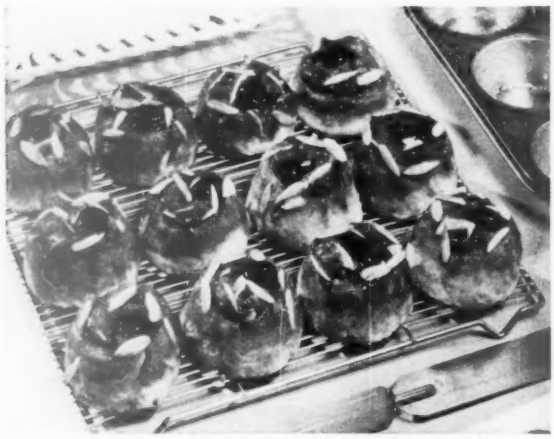
Combine milk and water. Add sugar, salt, and shortening; cool to lukewarm. Add yeast and stir until dissolved; add eggs and lemon peel. Add 4 cups flour; beat well. Let rise until light and bubbly. Add remaining flour; mix to soft dough. Let rest 10 minutes. Knead on lightly floured surface. Place in greased bowl; cover and let rise until double. Punch down. Divide in two portions, and roll to oblong shape, ½ inch thick. Brush with melted butter; spread evenly with brown sugar and raisins; roll lengthwise. Cut in 3-inch pieces; place on greased cooky sheet. Snip almost to center at 1-inch intervals. Pull sections apart and twist slightly. Let rise until double. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 20 minutes. Spread with **Frosting:** Combine 2½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar, ¼ cup hot water, ⅛ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon vanilla; beat thoroly. Makes 16 rolls.

Cherry-Nut Rolls

⅓ cup butter or fortified margarine
¾ cup brown sugar
½ cup shredded almonds
12 maraschino cherries
2 cups enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
⅓ cup shortening
⅔ cup milk

Combine butter and brown sugar. Spread in 12 muffin cups. Sprinkle with shredded almonds. Place cherry in center of each muffin cup. Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl; cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add milk all at once and mix until dough follows fork around bowl. Turn out on lightly floured surface and knead ½ minute. Roll or pat dough ¼ inch thick. Brush with melted shortening. Sprinkle with mixture of ¼ cup brown sugar and ¼ cup shredded almonds. Roll as for jelly roll. Cut into 1-inch slices. Place a slice in each muffin cup. Bake in hot [*Turn to page 184*

Cherry-Nut Rolls



Cherry-Nut Rolls hot out of the pan, with brown sugar and butter tops, shredded almonds, and candied cherries. They're mixed like baking-powder biscuits, rolled like cinnamon rolls, and filled with brown sugar and almonds. They take only 20 minutes to bake, so maybe you'll want them for Christmas breakfast

Walnut Butter Twists

Photographs: Shigeta-Wright

These nut-crusted butter twists will remind you of the rolls from a fancy pastry shop—they're that tender, crusty, and rich. Pencillike strips of yeast dough are dipped in milk, then in sugar and chopped nuts, and twisted in a figure 8. Then you let them rise 10 minutes, top each with a cherry, and bake 15 minutes

Frosted Raisin Rolls

Roll the dough as you would for cinnamon rolls—fill with brown sugar and raisins. Cut roll in 3-inch pieces, then snip each piece in three places, and twist sections so the raisins show. Bake rolls, then glaze them fresh from the oven, with creamy icing

Sugar Plum Loaf

A rich, spicy loaf with raisins, chopped citron, and candied cherries. The recipe makes 3 loaves, so wrap one in cellophane, tie it with red satin ribbon and give to your neighbor. Slice loaf and eat it plain with plenty of butter or toast slices in oven or broiler. A good midmorning or late-evening snack

Christmas Fruit Bread

This is a sweet yeast bread, each slice studded with bright-colored candied fruit peel, almonds, and raisins. Glaze loaf with a creamy icing. Then slice it like bread for breakfast, or serve it like cake with coffee or tea. One recipe makes two loaves. Bake them on cooky sheets. Serve the frosted slices on a tray

Star bright

Alternate individual star molds of Jellied Plum Pudding with clear red gelatine molds. Hostess serves stars double-deck style on dessert plates, white hard-sauce star on top. Large gelatine star in center furnishes second helpings. Plum Pudding recipe is on page 70.

Star cheese plate, top right in picture, is a baby Gouda cheese with stars cut from its red coat. Points of big star are made of Camembert cheese. For a larger cheese star, use a big Edam cheese and Longhorn cheese for star points.

Christmas symbols for

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Christmas tree

Festive open-faced sandwiches are ideal for afternoon or evening snacks. Spread small triangular sandwiches with cream cheese and fleck with minced parsley. Cut bread circles and spread with deviled ham to represent Christmas tree baubles. Spread rectangular pieces of bread with deviled ham and cream cheese for tree trunk and snow-bank base.

Ice-cream-cone trees, top of picture, are for a child's party. Cut rounds of unfrosted white cake in two sizes. Cut small hole in center of each. Place small cake circle atop larger circle. Spread with confectioners' frosting. Drop a little frosting in hole and insert striped candy stick. Spread ice cream cone with pale green frosting. Pipe red-tinted frosting around cone to form crisscross tinsel. Add dots of frosting for Christmas bulbs.

Gift-packed

Packages are triple-decker sandwiches gift-wrapped in bright foil. You can make the sandwiches several hours before the party; in foil, they'll keep moist and fresh in your refrigerator. When you arrange packages on platter, tie some with gay ribbon. Center the platter with a roguish china or candle Santa. This Santa has an open pouch on his back in which he carries one of the sandwich packages. At bottom and right in picture, another package-inspired idea: Tie squares of fruitcake onto dessert plates with bright ribbon. Guests untie bows.

your table

By Jessie Prather

CHRISTMAS, any youngster will tell you, is big and wonderful. It's big and wonderful because of a lot of little things or *symbols*—the Christmas tree, the packages under the tree, the wreaths of holly, Santa Claus with a pack full of surprises, the stars, and the snow.

Make your holiday meals something special by letting the season's symbols inspire your food. Here are simple ways to say Merry Christmas on your table.

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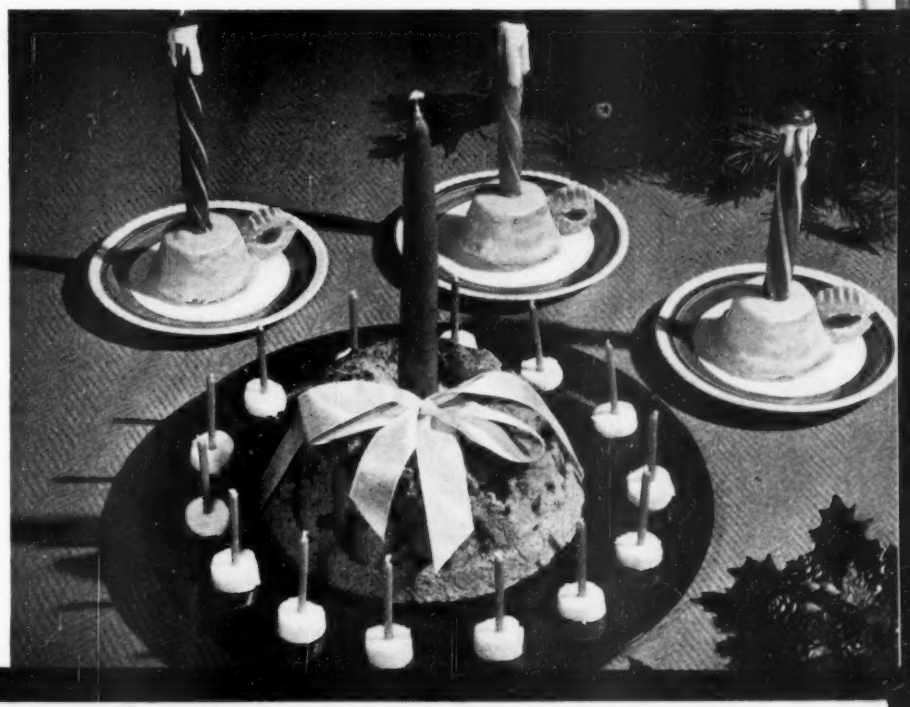


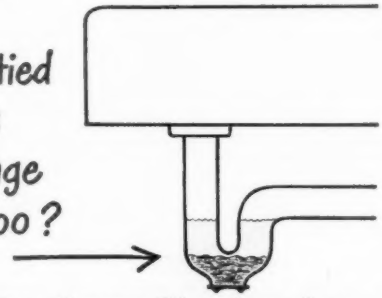
Candlelight

Candles say Merry Christmas. When you've finished the main course, turn out the lights and make a grand entrance with a flaming dessert tray. Tie a tall red candle with a large white bow. Place candle in center of pudding which was steamed in a tube pan. Circle pudding with birthday-cake candles in hard-sauce holders. To make holders, spread a thin layer of hard sauce in a shallow pan, chill, cut with cooky cutter.

Peppermint-stick candles, top of picture, are in cupcake holders. Frost top of cupcake and place cake, frosted side down, on small plate. Cut hole in cupcake, insert peppermint candy stick. Then frost cupcake. Cut handle out of large gumdrop, press into soft frosting. Frost tip of candy stick to look like candle drippings. The candle flame is a crimson maraschino cherry half.

Just a minute, lady

have you emptied this garbage too?



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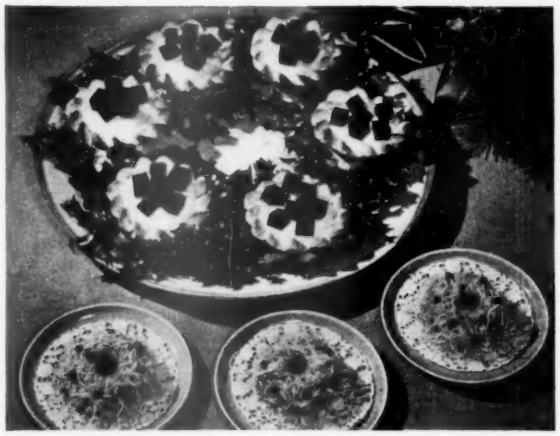

Holly wreath

For dessert tray, try a red and green wreath of tarts. Partially fill tart shells with cooled vanilla pudding; top with red gelatine cubes. Tuck holly between and around tarts. Wreaths, bottom of picture, are frosted doughnuts rolled in green-tinted coconut and dotted with silver bead candies. Center with a ball of cranberry sherbet if desired. To color coconut, tint a small amount of water with green food coloring and shake coconut in it until desired shade. Dry coconut before using

Snow-capped

Snowflakes on cake are coconut; icicles are frosting. Corsages are popcorn snowballs. Shape popcorn balls around striped peppermint candy sticks. Press candied cranberries or red cinnamon candies on popcorn balls while they're still warm and sticky. Gather red cellophane in a ruff around each candy stick and hold in place with a rubber band. Tuck well-washed sprigs of greenery under rubber band and tie name card on one of the twigs. Use popcorn corsages as place-card favors. Or group in center of table for a centerpiece—guests help themselves

Jellied Plum Pudding

2 tablespoons (2 envelopes) unflavored gelatine
½ cup cold water
2 cups hot water
1 cup grape juice
2 tablespoons lemon juice
½ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 cup Grape-Nuts
1½ cups chopped figs
1½ cups chopped dates
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped California walnuts
½ teaspoon vanilla

Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve in hot water. Add grape juice, lemon juice, sugar, and salt. Chill until partially set; add Grape-Nuts, fruits, nuts, and vanilla. Pour into mold; chill until firm. Serves 8. Garnish with stars cut from **Hard Sauce:** Thoroly cream ½ cup butter or fortified margarine and 2 cups confectioners' sugar; add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Vary the flavor by adding small amount of lemon juice and grated peel, or orange juice and peel. Spread in shallow pan and chill.

How to choose a gift for a lady

Betty Crocker offers some helpful suggestions for the feminine side of your Christmas list

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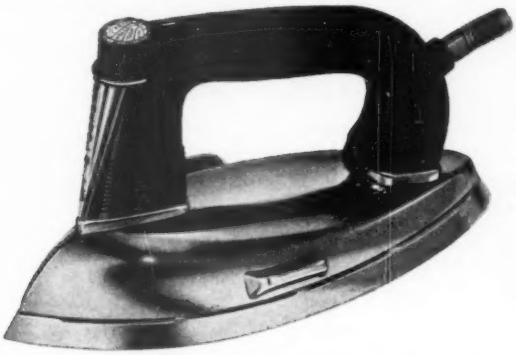

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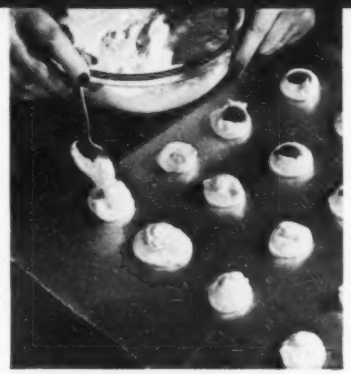

Divinity Kisses

Top with some red and some green candied cherries for Christmas—

2½ cups sugar
½ cup light corn syrup
½ cup water
2 stiff-beaten egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup chopped California walnuts
½ cup red or green candied cherries, cut in half

Cook sugar, corn syrup, and water to thin-syrup stage. Slowly pour one-third over egg whites, beating constantly. Cook remaining syrup to thread stage (234°); add one-half to egg-white mixture, beating constantly. Cook remaining syrup to firm-ball stage (248°); add to egg-white mixture. Add vanilla. Beat until mixture holds shape when dropped from spoon. Stir in walnuts. Swirl from teaspoon onto waxed paper. Top with cherry half. Makes 4 dozen.—*Betty Toles, Colorado Springs, Colorado.*

Stuffed Figs

Figs are simmered in fruit juice, stuffed with nuts, then rolled in sugar—

1 pound dried whole figs
1 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1½ tablespoons grated lemon peel
3 tablespoons sugar
1 cup pecans
½ cup sugar

Remove stem end from dried figs. Combine orange juice, lemon juice and peel, and 3 tablespoons sugar. Pour over figs. Heat to boiling. Simmer in covered saucepan until fruit is tender, about 45 minutes. Drain well. Cool. Insert knife in stem end of fig to form pocket. Fill with pecans. Close opening and roll figs in remaining ½ cup sugar. Let dry overnight.—*Mrs. Margaret Carr, Lake Mahopac, New York.*

Butter-Nut Crunch

Crisp toffee, chocolate-coated and crusted with nuts—

1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup water
½ cup butter or fortified margarine
1½ cups California walnuts, finely chopped
2 6-ounce packages semi-sweet chocolate pieces, melted

Combine sugar, salt, water, and butter; heat to boiling. Cook to light crack stage (285°). Add ½ cup of the nuts. Pour onto well-greased cooky sheet. Cool. Spread half of chocolate mixture over top and sprinkle with ½ cup walnuts. Cool. Turn and spread with remaining chocolate and sprinkle with remaining nuts. Break in pieces to serve. Makes about 2 dozen pieces.—*Mrs. Stanley M. Bailey, Reading, Massachusetts.*

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RECIPES ENDORSED BETTER HOMES & GARDENS TASTING TEST KITCHEN

Salads

Frozen Fruit Salad

So rich and good, it can be salad or dessert—

2 3-ounce packages cream cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
½ cup red maraschino cherries, quartered
½ cup green maraschino cherries, quartered
1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) crushed pineapple, drained
2½ cups diced marshmallows (about 24 marshmallows)

Combine cheese and mayonnaise, blend until smooth. Fold in whipped cream, fruit, and marshmallows. Pour into 1-quart refrigerator tray. Freeze firm. Serves 8 to 10.—*Mrs. Gordon Kepner, Fargo, North Dakota.*

Ginger-Ale Fruit Salad

Ginger ale and lemon juice give this gelatine salad a refreshing tingle—

- 2 tablespoons (2 envelopes) unflavored gelatine
- ¼ cup cold water
- ½ cup hot water
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1 cup ginger ale
- 1 No. 1 can (2 cups) fruit cocktail, drained
- 1 cup seedless grape halves
- ½ cup chopped California walnuts

Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve in hot water. Add sugar, salt, lemon juice, ginger ale, and the syrup from the fruit cocktail. Chill until partially set. Add remaining ingredients. Pour into greased individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce. Serves 8 to 10.—*Mary Lally, Poughkeepsie, New York.*

Country Inn Salad Bowl

It's the kind of salad men like—excellent dressing, lots of crisp vegetables—

- ½ cup shredded red cabbage
- ½ cup shredded green cabbage
- ½ cup shredded uncooked beets
- ½ cup shredded uncooked carrots
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 cup chopped celery and leaves

Combine vegetables in large bowl. Pour over dressing and toss lightly. **Dressing:** Slice 2 cloves garlic into jar; cover with ¼ cup vinegar; let stand 1 hour. Add 1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed tomato soup, 1 cup chili sauce, ½ cup salad oil, 1 teaspoon dry mustard, 1½ teaspoons salt, ⅛ teaspoon red pepper, ½ teaspoon paprika, and 2 to 4 tablespoons sugar. Shake well. Makes 2¾ cups dressing.—*Mrs. Ruth B. Vox, Pflugerville, Texas.*

Cranberry Stars

The salad to serve with the holiday bird—

- 1 cup ground raw cranberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 package lemon-flavored gelatine
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 cup pineapple syrup
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, well drained
- ½ cup broken California walnuts
- 1 cup chopped celery

Combine cranberries and sugar. Dissolve gelatine in hot water; add syrup; chill until partially set. Add cranberry mixture, pineapple, walnuts, and celery. Pour into individual molds; chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce. Pass mayonnaise. Serves 6.—*Mrs. L. C. Whitney, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

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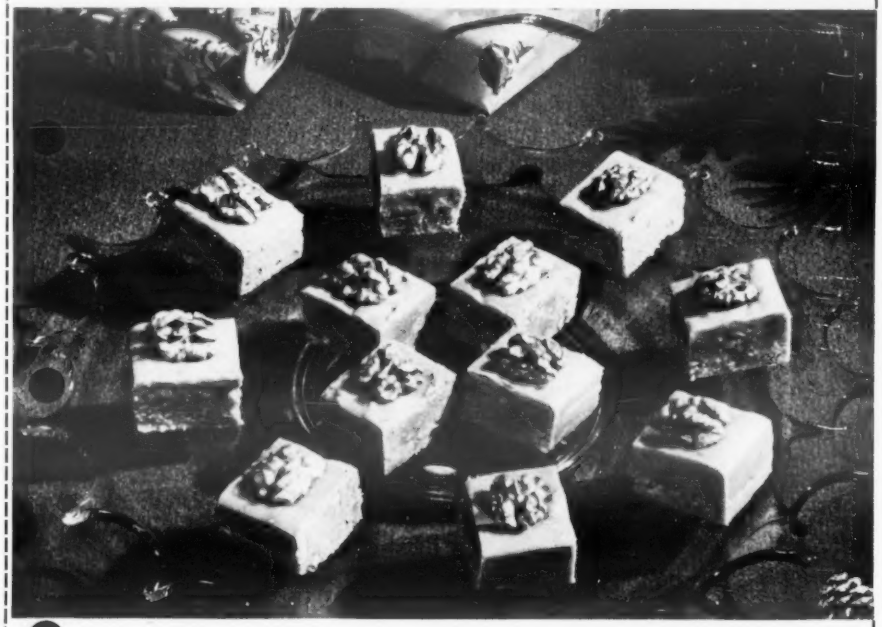
Candy



Butterscotch-Nut Fudge

Rich and creamy like fudge, but the flavor is butterscotch—

- ¼ cup butter or fortified margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup chopped black walnuts or California walnuts

Melt butter in heavy saucepan; add brown sugar and heat to boiling. Add granulated sugar and sour cream. Cook over low heat, stirring until sugar dissolves, to soft-ball stage (236°). Cool at room temperature, without stirring, until lukewarm (110°); beat until mixture holds its shape. Add vanilla and nuts. Quickly spread in greased pan. Cool and cut in squares. Makes 2½ dozen pieces. Garnish with walnut halves.—*Mrs. Elam S. Fisher, Kinzera, Pennsylvania.*

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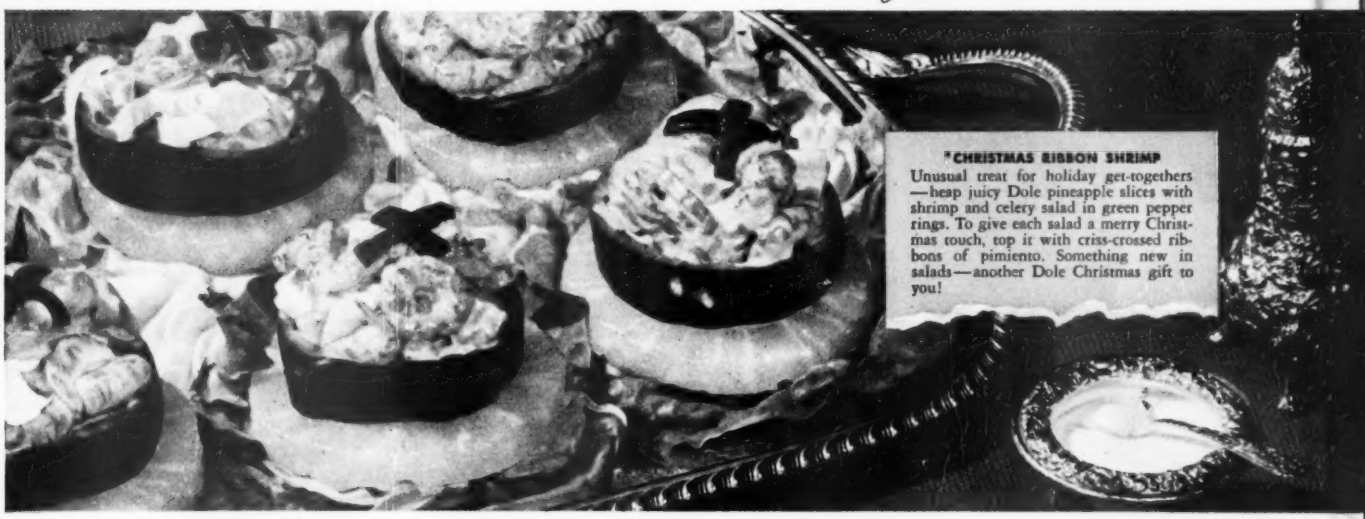

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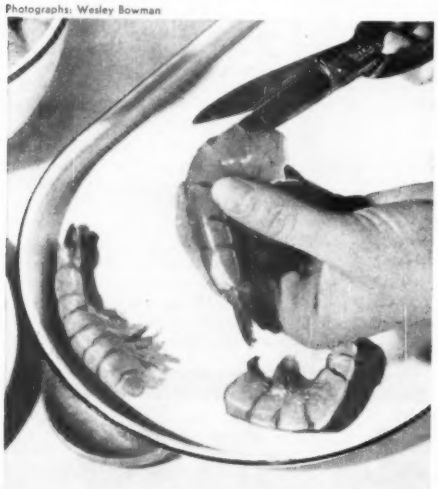

1 To clean shrimp, clip the shell with kitchen scissors. Follow the black line. Remove shell. To speed the job, clean shrimp under a small stream of running tap water. (Same trick works for cooked shrimp.) Leave tail on. Cut thru back of shrimp to divide in half, but do not cut completely thru

By Tasting-Test Kitchen Staff

IF FRENCH-FRIED shrimp is the sea food you hunt for on the menu when you eat out or if it's a treat you've yet to try, here are step-by-step directions.

The tricks to French-frying shrimp are: Dip the *uncooked* shrimp in a special batter, have the deep fat the right temperature, and serve the shrimp piping hot.

You can serve French-fried shrimp as the main dish with bowls of fried rice, or as hors d'oeuvres. Follow the picture recipe, Step 1 at left.

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Combine: 1½ cups liquid 3 cups sugar
¼ teaspoon salt

Bring to boiling point, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat. Add gelatine; stir until dissolved. Add drained crushed pineapple. Return to heat. Boil slowly for 15 minutes. Remove from heat.

Rinse 2 (8" x 4") pans (bread pan size) in cold water. Pour in candy mixture to depth of ¾ inch. Put in a cool place (not in refrigerator) and let stand overnight.

Then loosen candy around edges of pan with wet, sharp knife. Pull out on board lightly covered with confectioners' sugar. Cut in cubes and roll in confectioners' or fine granulated sugar.

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Measure into sifter:

2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1⅓ cups granulated sugar, or 1½ cups firmly packed brown sugar

Measure into mixing bowl:

½ cup shortening

Measure into cup:

*Milk (see below for amount)
1 teaspoon vanilla

Have ready:

2 eggs, unbeaten
3 squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted

*With butter, margarine, or lard, use ⅞ cup milk. With vegetable or any other shortening, use 1 cup milk.

Now—Swans Down's "Mix-Easy" Part! (Mix by hand or at a low speed of electric mixer.) Stir shortening just to soften. *No creaming!* Sift in dry ingredients. Add ¾ cup of the milk and mix until all flour is dampened. Then *beat 2 minutes.* Add eggs, melted chocolate, and remaining milk and *beat 1 minute* longer. *Beating cut in half! And fewer dishes to wash!* (Count only actual beating time. Or count beating strokes. Allow about 150 full strokes per minute. Scrape bowl and spoon often.)

Baking. Turn batter into pans. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) about 30 minutes. Spread seven-minute frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake.

How to decorate the Fir Tree Cake

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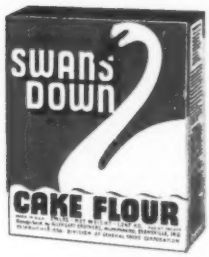

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French-fried shrimp

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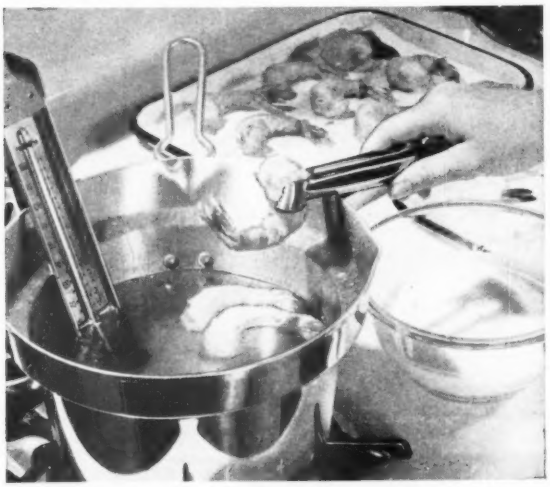
2 Dip shrimp into batter (hold onto the tail). For batter, combine 1 cup enriched flour, ½ teaspoon sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 egg, 1 cup ice water, and 2 tablespoons melted fat or salad oil, in bowl. Beat thoroly



3 Fry shrimp in deep hot fat (375°) till golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve with soy sauce as shown in picture on page 77

Mixed Pickle

I love mixed pickle, sharp
with spice.
Made in old country
kitchens, not precise
In measure, as its name
would show—
"Last of the garden."
Bright with autumn glow
Are ripe tomatoes, onions,
mangoes red and green
Cucumbers, tiny; remnants
with piquant sheen.
Take mustard that bites;
vinegar sharp and sour.
All blended in one racy
fragrant hour—
Ultimate summer saved
from winter's blight—
Give tantalizing promise
of delight.

—*Margaret W. Moody*

Christmas Snowballs—Frost cupcakes or balls of angel food cake with fluffy white icing, then snow them under with lacy Baker's Coconut. Set a gay Christmas candle in each glistening snowball.

(Look for coconut holiday excitements in bakeries and fine food shops, too. Make 'em or buy 'em—or both! Then maybe you'll have enough to go around.)

Whe-e-ee! There's coconut this Christmas!

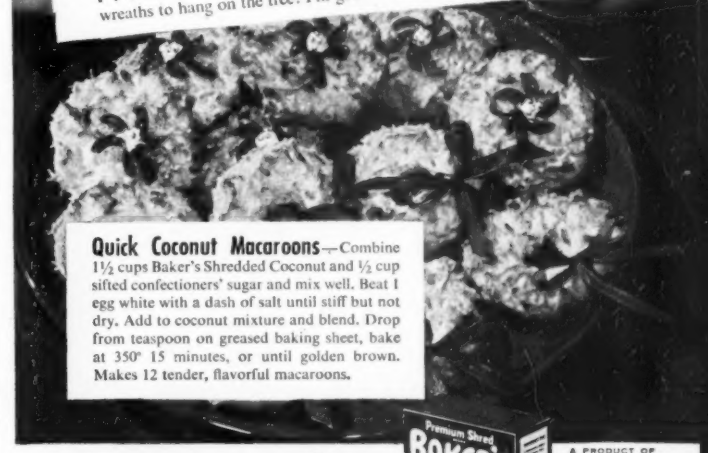
DAZZLING, snowy Baker's Coconut! It looks like Christmas—and this year it's here in old-time Christmas plenty!

Drift its luscious whiteness in a bowl filled with fresh-cut orange slices! Swirl it high on lavishly iced cakes for your Christmas table.

Fold it into your macaroon batter . . . for moist, tender macaroon wreaths to hang on the tree! Fill gift boxes with your own home-made candy . . . crunchy-sweet and chewy with tender-fresh Baker's Coconut!

Tint your Baker's Coconut. Toast it! Sprinkle it—always luscious and freshly-moist—on a horde of holiday surprises! Want some ideas . . .?

Send for new Glamour Recipe Book! Full of beautiful ideas for parties and every day. Send 10¢ to Baker's Coconut, BH22, Battle Creek, Mich.



Quick Coconut Macaroons—Combine 1½ cups Baker's Shredded Coconut and ½ cup sifted confectioners' sugar and mix well. Beat 1 egg white with a dash of salt until stiff but not dry. Add to coconut mixture and blend. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet, bake at 350° 15 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes 12 tender, flavorful macaroons.

BAKER'S COCONUT

Grocers have two kinds of Baker's Coconut—Baker's Southern Style (so good it seems like fresh-shredded coconut, sweetened) and Baker's Premium Shred (more moist and tender than ever before). Both superb coconut . . . and both delicious!

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They're here—to brighten up the holidays and every day of winter!

JUICY TANGERINES, the "Fruit of Youth" from Florida—how they liven things up at home! In living room fruit bowls, in lunchboxes, salads, they bring sparkle and color and fun. New life for tired menus. New life to appetites. New life in those youngsters' eyes.

With their *zipper skins*, they're fun to peel. And such juicy between-meal morsels . . . so much better than heavy, rich sweets. To help keep the family healthy and gay, there's *NO* fruit like tangerines. Serve them every day . . . the season's short!

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Lakeland, Florida

FLORIDA TANGERINES

"THE FRUIT OF YOUTH"

Hot, buttered popcorn!

Serve it fresh and crisp in baskets, buckets, bowls, cups, or scoops

Wooden bucket is filled to the brim with freshly popped popcorn. Everybody grab a scoopful

Your salad bowls double as popcorn servers. Cinnamon stick stirs hot cider

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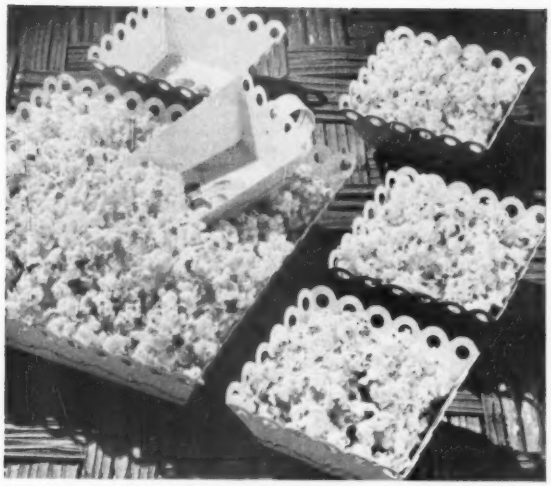
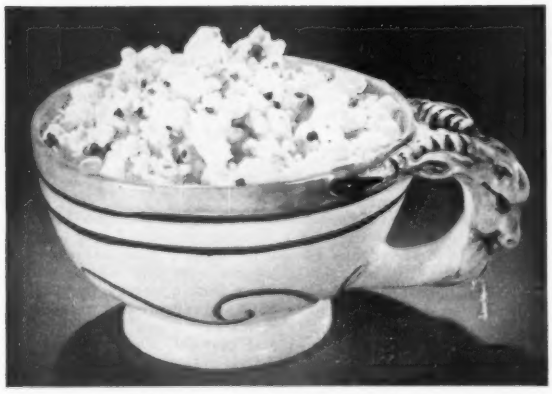
Big and little baskets are heaped with snowy popcorn. Mugs hold milk



Cornerbs are painted metal boxes, big and little. Server is a scoop

Toy tin pails hold the first helping. Toy shovel refills from the large pail



Big cup is heaped high. One hand holds billy-goat handle; the other eats

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For Christmas Eating—
(and greeting)
says Ann Pillsbury

Wrapped as gifts, or in your own cookie jar, these dainty Swedish cookies by Ann Pillsbury show the supreme delicacy Pillsbury's Best Flour gives you. For Pillsbury's Best has been *oven-tried* for four generations—and it's *oven-true* to you today . . . no matter *what* you bake. Why trust your baking to less than the very best flour you can buy—Pillsbury's Best? Get some today—and use it from this day on!

Ann Pillsbury's SWEDISH CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Roll them, press them, twist them—they're best with Pillsbury's Best!

Bake at 375° F. for 6 to 8 minutes. **Makes about 5½ dozen cookies.**

Cook . . . . **6 egg yolks** (Separate yolks from whites; drop yolks from saucer one at a time into hot, salted water. Simmer until hard cooked.)

Sift together . . **2** cups sifted **Pillsbury's Best Enriched Flour**
½ teaspoon **salt**

Cream . . ¾ cup **shortening**; add gradually
¾ cup **sugar**, beating until light and fluffy.

Add . . . . . cooked egg yolks which have been put through a wire sieve and
½ teaspoon **lemon extract.**

Blend in . . 3 tablespoons **cream** and dry ingredients alternately to creamed mixture, beating well after each addition.

Roll . . . . dough to ⅛-inch thickness and cut into Christmas cookie shapes. Place on greased baking sheet. Decorate with colored sugar, candied fruit, nuts or coconut. If desired, this dough may be used in a cookie press. Cookies may also be shaped into knots by gently rolling a rounded teaspoon of dough on a lightly-floured canvas or board until about 6 inches in length and tying in a loose knot.

Bake . . . in moderate oven (375° F.) until edges become delicately browned—6 to 8 minutes for rolled or pressed cookies, 10 to 12 minutes for knots.

THERE IS NO FINER FLOUR MILLED!

You Bake your Best with Pillsbury's Best

Oven tried for four generations... Oven true today

Last-minute gifts you can make

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Gay Nineties stocking takes about $1\frac{1}{4}$ yard 36-inch-wide green- or red-striped glazed chintz, and the same amount for a lining of holiday red. Trim is 12 small black buttons, about 3 yards red braid or cord, $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards 1-inch-wide green satin ribbon, and $\frac{1}{2}$ yard 2-inch-wide black lace. The stocking pictured is 7 inches wide across the top edge and 18 inches from top to toe. Make stocking pattern from a piece of wrapping paper. Cut from double-thickness striped chintz and from double-thickness solid-color lining material. Starting at ankle front, seam two halves of striped material together around foot and up back of leg. Turn to right side and press. Seam two pieces of red lining in same fashion. Fit into stocking with seams facing. Turn hems along open front edges and stocking top; stitch. Gather black lace around stocking top. Sew 6 buttons down each side of front opening, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart. Crisscross red braid or cord between buttons to lace up stocking. Make red-braid loops at 1-inch intervals around stocking top; pull green ribbon thru loops and tie in bow at front.

Chintz apron requires about 1 yard 36-inch-wide kelly-green or scarlet glazed chintz and $\frac{1}{2}$ yard 40-inch-wide printed glazed chintz. For the apron skirt, cut two solid-color strips 16 by 31 inches and one figured strip 16 by 31 inches; for the band a figured strip 6 by 40 inches; for the sashes two solid-color strips 4 by 18 inches, and for the pocket a 9-inch figured square. Stitch narrow hem across one end and up sides on each solid-color sash strip. Seam chintz skirt panels together. Gather skirt top; draw to 18-inch width. Baste one edge of band over gathered skirt top. Turn band to wrong side and baste hem over raw edge. Finish rest of band, inserting unfinished sash ends. Now try on apron; pin and stitch hem. Turn 1-inch hem across top of pocket square, and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch across other sides. Pin onto right side of apron, with deep hem at top; stitch down sides and across bottom.

Bunny apron in size 6 is made from $\frac{2}{3}$ yard white dotted swiss and $\frac{1}{4}$ yard pink organdy, each 36 inches wide. Skirt of apron is strip 12 by 32 inches. Hem sides and bottom edge; gather top edge, and join in a seam to one edge of 16-inch-long band 4 inches wide. Turn half of band to wrong side and hem over seam. For sashes, cut two strips, each 4 by 15 inches; hem one end and sides. Tuck unhemmed ends into open ends of band; stitch. Now for bunny-head bib of apron. First make shoulder straps or ears. Cut 2 $3\frac{1}{2}$- by $10\frac{1}{2}$-inch strips of pink organdy and 2 white dotted swiss strips of the same size, rounding one end on each. Seam white to pink across rounded end and down sides, leaving straight end open. Turn to right side and press. With outline stitch, embroider blue lines down center of each ear. For bunny's face, cut a pink organdy oval $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide and $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and a white dotted swiss oval of same size. Mark lightly; embroider blue eyes and nose on pink oval. Turn and baste a tiny hem around both ovals. Tuck unfinished ends of ears between ovals at top, and center of apron's belt at bottom; stitch pink and white section of bib together with hems facing. Pull out basting threads. Fasten ear tips together at back of neck with tiny button and buttonhole. For pockets, baste tiny hem around two 4-inch pink-organdy circles and embroider eyes and nose on each. Line pink-organdy ears $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide with white dotted swiss, and tack to head. Leaving outer edges open, stitch bunny heads to apron; pull out basting threads. Fasten tips of ears to apron with tiny invisible stitches.

Flower-arrangement kit takes about $\frac{3}{4}$ yard 36-inch-wide sturdy cotton drapery material or canvas, and about 5 yards of $\frac{1}{2}$-inch-wide bias tape. For the apron proper, cut 24-inch fabric square, bind in contrasting-color bias tape. For the pockets, cut 6- by 27-inch strip; measure 9 inches from each end, and trim these end sections to 5-inch width. Bind sides and shaped top with bias tape. Measure, mark with chalk or pins three 3-inch-wide divisions in each 9-inch end section and three 4-inch divisions in center section. Press a box pleat in center of each division. Holding pleats in place, pin strip diagonally across center of square. Stitch down marked divisions to form pockets. Pin full-width bias tape across bottom, turning in ends. Stitch pocket panel to apron across bottom tape and up sides. To tie around kit when folded, sew two 18-inch pieces of bias tape at left side corner. Kit may be worn as apron if you provide sash strings by fastening an 18-inch bias-tape strip on each side 10 inches from top corner.

Purse and mitts require $\frac{3}{8}$ yard 36-inch-wide white felt, a 12-inch white zipper, some multicolored sequins and tiny white beads. Make pattern for mitts by placing hand on paper and outlining; sketch flare around wrist for cuff, and cut out. Place pattern on double-thickness felt and cut out. Turn pattern over before cutting mitt to fit opposite hand. Sew sequins on mitt backs, following

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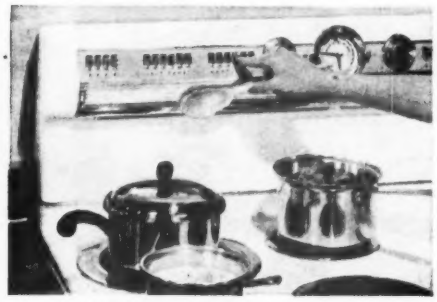
Completely New! General Electric's "Push-button" Range ... with Two Complete Ovens!

The General Electric "Liberator" (shown above) gives you the marvelous convenience of *two ovens*. Also ask to see the "Stratoliner," another great "Push-button" model which gives you the famous Tripl-Unit and Tripl-Oven (one oven with 3 big features)!



New cooking convenience that saves many a waste motion!

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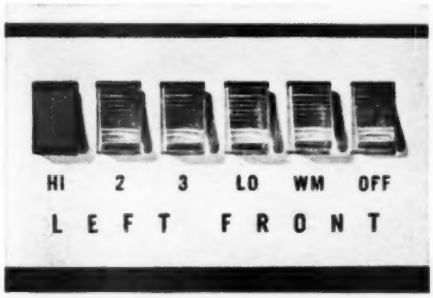

"Push-button" Tel-A-Cook Lights—different color for each speed!

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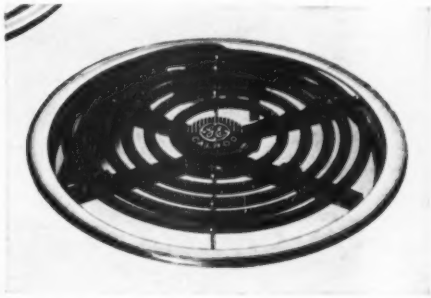

Calrod* units throughout—that put the speed in "Speed Cooking"!

Only General Electric "Push-button" Ranges are equipped *throughout* with Calrod units. And they're super-fast! Five cooking speeds, one for every need! Long, narrower coil for speedy response and efficient heat distribution

GENERAL ELECTRIC

WALNUT SUPPER CASSEROLE

MEAT BILLS getting you down? Here's a thrifty meatless main dish you'll be proud to serve for Sunday supper or any day.

- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 can (1½ cups) whole kernel corn
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ½ cup grated American cheese
- ½ cup coarsely chopped *Diamond* Walnuts
- ½ cup evaporated milk
- 1 tbsp. melted butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

Chockful of nourishment, this delicious dish. With plump, meaty *Diamond* Walnut kernels to supply hearty, healthful protein—to boost vitamin and mineral value, too. Mix ingredients lightly, pour into greased 1 or 1½-quart casserole. Decorate top with big *Diamond* Walnut halves in rings of green pepper or onion. Cover and bake 25-30 minutes in moderate oven (350° F.). Mighty appetizing! And served with salad and dessert, it makes a good supper for 4 or 5 hungry people.

WALNUT CINNAMON ROLLS

EASY TO FIX for breakfast or luncheon—they double for dinner dessert, too.

Make sweet roll dough from packaged mix or your own favorite recipe. Let rise till light. Roll out ¼" thick. Spread with soft butter, sprinkle with sugar, cinnamon and plenty of chopped *Diamond* Walnuts. (Adding walnuts to any hot bread makes it better!) Roll up tightly; cut in 1" slices. For each dozen rolls, melt 2 tbsps. butter in a layer cake pan, sprinkle with ¼ cup brown sugar. Arrange plump *Diamond* Walnut halves upside down over sugar; add cherries if you like. Place rolls over walnuts. Let rise till double in bulk (usually takes about 1 hour). Bake at 375° F. about 20 minutes. Turn out at once, serve warm.

Diamond Walnuts in the shell sold in bulk or in 1 lb. cellophane bags (red for large-size, blue for medium-size). The *Diamond* brand on every shell means plump, perfect kernels inside—more *usable* kernels per pound. Ready-shelled *Diamonds*, mixed halves and pieces, in 8 and 4 ounce vacuum tins, stay sweet and crisp for year-round use.

Last-minute gifts you can make

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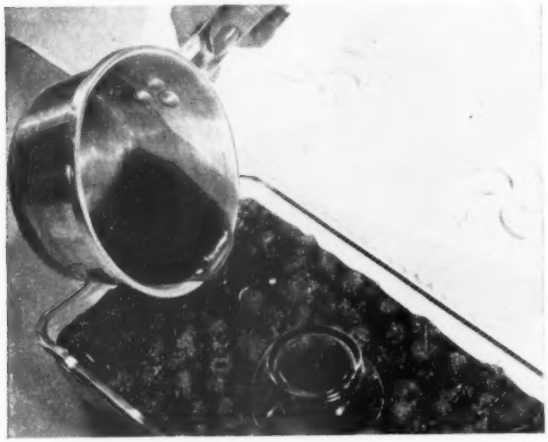
same pattern on both right and left. Seam mitt backs and palms together, leaving 4 inches open at outside of cuff. Turn right side out and press. To insert side tie, cut ½-inch slit thru both sides of mitt about ½ inch from side seam. Cut felt string about ½ inch wide and 14 inches long for each mitt; pull thru slit and tie in a bow.

Pillbox purse is made from two 5-inch circles of white felt; a side strip 2 inches wide and 16 inches long; and a shaped handle 5½ inches long, 2 inches wide at each end, and 1 inch wide in the center. Seam ends of side strip together; seam strip to one of circles, inserting ends of handle into seam. Sew zipper between other circle and side strip. Turn in remaining edges of circle and strip, and blind-stitch together. Sew sequins around edge of handle side of purse and in three rows around side strip, as pictured. Arrange sequins in an allover pattern on topside of purse, not pictured. If a lining is desired, cut two 5-inch circles and a 2- by 16-inch strip of taffeta or satin, seam together, and tack into bag.

Strawberry-basket purse. Paint strawberry box a bright color, decorate with gay decals. Or buy a small roll basket. From ¼ yard 36-inch-wide calico, cut strip 9 by 31 inches; seam ends together. Stitch generous hem along one edge; add row of stitching about 1 inch above hem to form casing for ribbon drawstring. Snip an opening in casing on each side. For drawstrings, cut two 1-yard lengths of ribbon. Pull one piece of ribbon thru casing and draw ends out opening on one side; run other ribbon to opposite side. Tie ribbon ends on each side in a knot. When you pull the two knots, bag top should draw together. Measure bottom of box on each side and you have dimensions for calico piece to form bottom of lining; for average strawberry box, it will be about a 5-inch square. To this square gather unhemmed edge of 31-inch strip. Tack fabric to inside of box with a big darning needle and heavy thread.

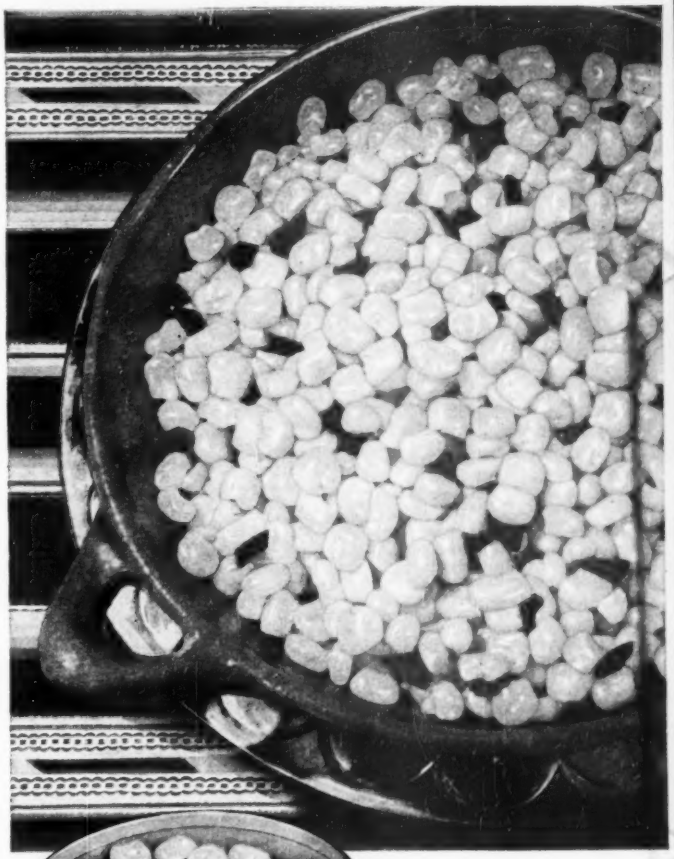
Striped knitting bag is made of about ½ yard black felt and ½ yard chartreuse felt, each 36 inches wide, plus a scrap of red felt 3 by 15 inches and a scrap of white felt 1 by 15 inches. Cut 15-inch square of black for outside of bag and the same size for the lining. With pinking shears, cut from chartreuse felt a strip 2 by 15 inches and two ¾ inch by 15 inches. Pink two red-felt strips 1½ by 15 inches and two white-felt strips ½ inch by 15 inches. With small stitches invisible on right side, tack wide chartreuse strip down center of black-felt square. Tack white strips on each side of it, then red strips, then chartreuse strips. Allow about ¾ inch between strips. Seam chartreuse lining to black square on two opposite sides; turn and press. Sew 11- or 12-inch zipper to opposite unfinished edges of lining; tack to edges of outer bag. At each end of zipper, blind-stitch remaining open edges of bag top together. For boxy ends of bag, cut two black circles and two chartreuse circles, each 5 inches in diameter. Seam together, turn, and press; blind-stitch in place. For handle, cut black-felt strip 3 inches wide and 11 inches long; seam lengthwise edges together. Turn to right side; press with seam in center; pink ends to points. Tack handle to bag with seam on the inside.

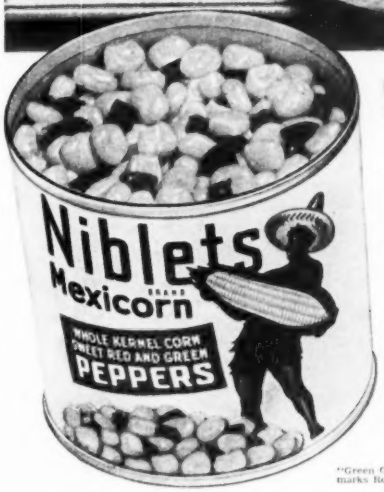
Smart cook: Spillproof deep-dish pie



Turn a custard cup upside-down in the center of the baking dish, then pour in the sweetened fruit. Top with pastry. Cup holds pastry so it doesn't get soggy, and draws up the bubbling juices so they won't spill over and fill both oven and kitchen with smoke

Pot of Gold with the rainbow left in





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Easy Recipe

Snow Queen Salad

2 cups canned fruit cocktail
1 cup syrup from fruit cocktail
1 tablespoon plain gelatin
⅓ cup cold water
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
Dash cayenne pepper
4 tablespoons lemon juice
¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind
½ cup whipping cream
½ cup chopped celery
Salad greens
Whipped cream dressing

Drain fruit cocktail; heat syrup. Soften gelatin in water; dissolve in hot syrup. Blend in salt, mustard, cayenne, lemon juice and rind. Cool until slightly thickened. Whip cream stiff; fold into gelatin mixture with 1 cup fruit cocktail and celery. Turn into oiled molds; chill until firm. Unmold on greens; garnish with remaining fruit cocktail. Makes 6 salads. Serve with dressing if desired. **Dressing:** Whip ½ cup whipping cream until stiff; fold into ½ cup mayonnaise. **Fruit cocktail cup,** shown below: Ream orange halves, save juice to drink. Clean out pulp; flute edges with scissors. Fill with gay, tasty fruit cocktail right from the can.

Five luscious fruits! Sun-sweetened California cling peaches, pineapple, pears, cherries, grapes. Ready fixed, ready mixed for salads, desserts, sauces! No canned fruit is easier, prettier, better for festive treats than canned fruit cocktail. Keep it handy!

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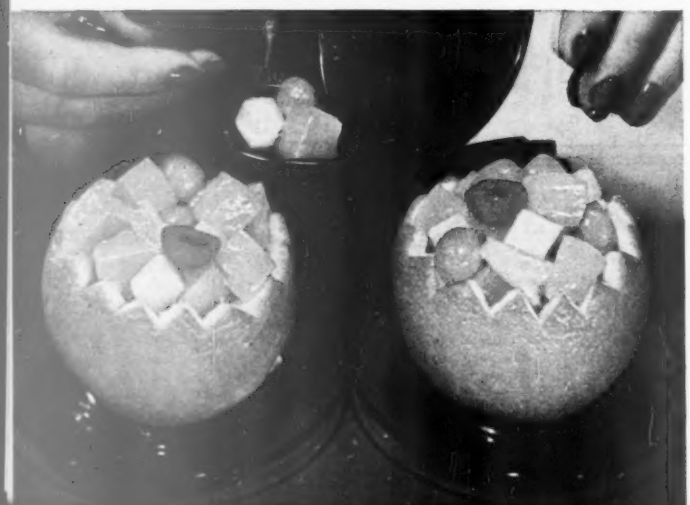

Gifts for her kitchen

$2 TO $5

1 Refrigerator set is heatproof glass—will store, warm, serve leftovers in same dish. Clear glass lids

2 Cooky press has plastic barrel so you can see how much cooky dough is left. Eight designs come with set

3 Handy server is half fork and half spoon. It is stainless steel with handles of bright-red plastic

4 Egg beater has paddles of stainless steel. The handle is plastic and made to fit your hand comfortably

5 Poultry shears have two blades—one saw-tooth, one razor sharp. Use for dressing and carving

6 Roll warmer keeps rolls, muffins, and coffeecake hot, will crisp crackers. Aluminum with reed handle

7 Can opener will work on any size, shape can. Fits in wall bracket. White, red, green, ivory, or all chrome

8 Broiler pan is aluminum. Use it for steaks, chops, fish; without rack, to roast meat, bake rolls or cake

9 Wooden salad bowl is unique oval shape—21 inches long, 11 inches wide, 4½ inches deep. Use as chopping bowl, salad or fruit bowl

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10 Whistling teakettle is chrome over copper, has red handle wound with yellow cane. Metal whistle is unbreakable. Teakettle holds 2 quarts

11 Magnesium griddle heats quickly and evenly. It comes in two sizes—for one or two top-of-the-range units

12 Pottery skillets may be used either for frying or for oven casseroles. They're hand-painted Tonala Indian earthenware. Come in sets of three

13 Basket casserole is 1½-quart heatproof glass baking dish. It comes in a red, green, wine, or straw-colored wicker holder

14 Siamese oil and vinegar cruets are ideal for those whose specialty is tossed salads. Of green glass, trimmed with bright-colored raffia

15 Wooden steak planks in 12- by 18-inch or 8- by 12-inch sizes are hand-carved oak. Broil and serve your steak, chicken, fish on these for truly gourmet eating

16 Set of white canisters has red plastic knobs and flower-girl decals

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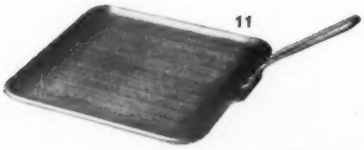

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WHITE CHRISTMAS...

Whipped Cream

U-m-m-m!

FRUIT COCKTAIL and WHIPPED CREAM

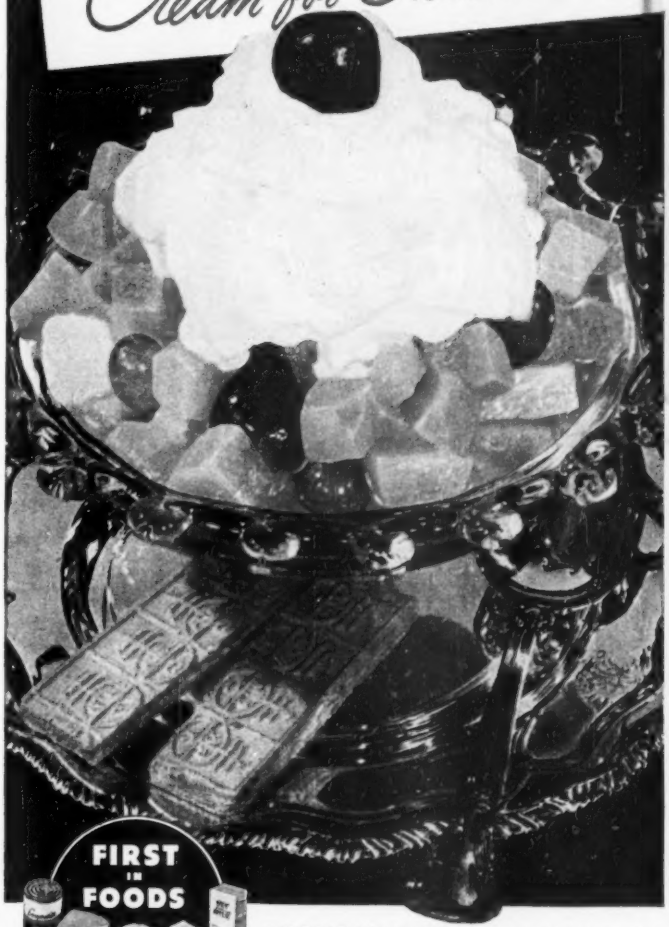
Colorful as a Christmas tree! Yet easy as can be. Here's an idea . . . zesty as a frosty morning—festive Fruit Cocktail, snow-capped with banks of luscious WHIPPED CREAM. It's the holiday look . . . plus festive flavor. Yes, it's WHIPPED CREAM for a white Christmas, and a merry one. Simple, quick . . . wonderful like this:

FESTIVE FRUIT BOWL

Chill several cans of Fruit Cocktail. Open and drain. (Save juice for Yuletide beverages). Place fruit in chilled fruit bowl. Garnish with lavish garland of WHIPPED CREAM. Place a rosette of WHIPPED CREAM in center. Top with a cherry. *Umm, what a treat!*

Holiday or any day, there's something about WHIPPED CREAM that makes for "specials in goodness." And it's so easy to get . . . so simple to use . . . so tasty in every use. Try it on cakes, pies—almost any dessert—or in salads, cocoa, coffee too. Especially at Holiday time . . . dress up your very best dishes with the fluffy goodness of WHIPPED CREAM.

Cream for Christmas



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1 **egg**, slightly beaten
Add.....2 tablespoons melted **shortening**
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Gifts for her kitchen

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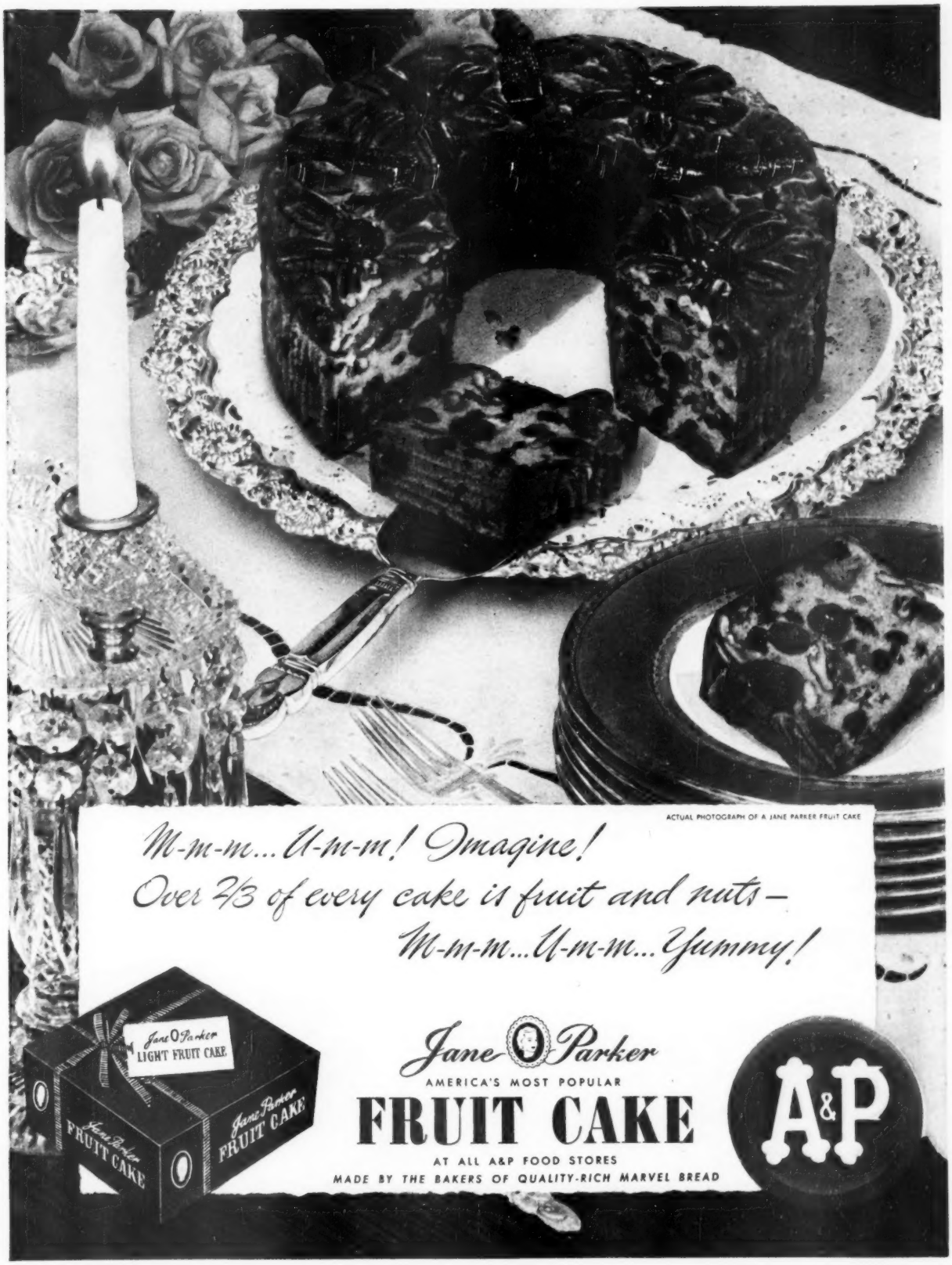
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GARDEN BASKET MACARONI

- 1½ cups macaroni
- ½ lb. American cheese
- 1¼ cups milk
- ¼ to ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- Salt and pepper
- 4 slices bologna
- 1 No. 2 can Del Monte *Early Garden* Peas

Cook macaroni in salted boiling water till tender. Set aside enough cheese for topping; cut up the rest and heat with milk in double boiler till soft. Beat with rotary beater till smooth. Add Worcestershire sauce; onion. Mix with macaroni in shallow 5-cup greased casserole; salt and pepper to taste. Top with cheese slices; cover; bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20 min. Fry bologna gently on one side; fasten with toothpicks. Place on baked macaroni; fill with hot, seasoned peas; garnish with pimiento. Edge with the rest of the Del Monte *Early Garden* Peas. Serves 4.

Del Monte *Early Garden* Peas

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Gifts for her kitchen

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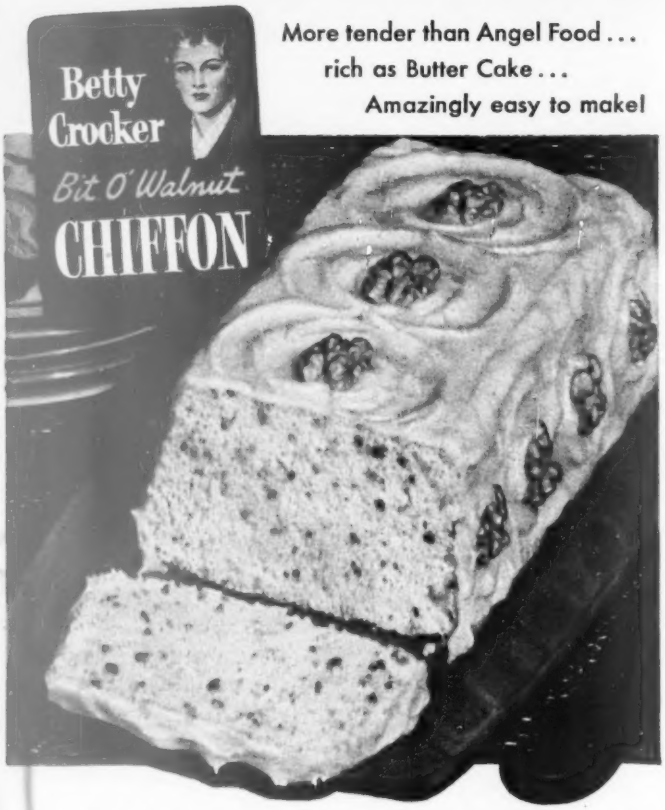

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Betty Crocker Bit O' Walnut Chiffon Cake

Betty Crocker Chiffon Cakes were perfected for the Betty Crocker Cake Flour—SOFTASILK. If you use any other flour with this recipe you risk a cake failure.

Preheat oven (*see pan sizes and corresponding temperatures below*). SIFT an ample amount of SOFTASILK Cake Flour onto a square of paper. Chop nuts *very* fine.

STEP 1 . . . **Measure** (level measurements) and **sift** together into mixing bowl:
- **1⅛ cups (1 cup plus 2 tbsp.) *sifted* SOFTASILK Cake Flour (spoon lightly into cup, don't pack)**
- **¾ cup sugar**
- **1½ tsp. baking powder**
- **½ tsp. salt**

Make a well and add in order:
- **¼ cup cooking (salad) oil such as Wesson or Mazola**
- **2 unbeaten egg yolks (medium-sized)**
- **⅜ cup (¼ cup plus 2 tbsp.) cold water**
- **1 tsp. vanilla**

Beat with spoon until *smooth*.

STEP 2 . . . **Measure** into large mixing bowl:
- **½ cup egg whites (4 whites)**
- **¼ tsp. cream of tartar**

Whip until whites form *very stiff* peaks. They should be much stiffer than for angel food or meringue. DO NOT UNDERBEAT.

STEP 3 . . . **Pour** egg yolk mixture gradually over whipped egg whites—*gently* folding with rubber scraper *just* until blended! DO NOT STIR!

Sprinkle over top of batter ½ cup *very* finely chopped Diamond Walnuts, gently folding in with a few strokes.

Pour into ungreased pan immediately.

Bake in . . .
- **5x10x3-in. loaf or**
- **9-in. tube, 3½-in. deep—325° 50 to 55 min.**
- **8x8x2-in. or**
- **9x9x2-in. square pan—350° 30 to 35 min.**

. . . or until top springs back when *lightly* touched. Then, immediately . . . turn pan upside down, placing tube part over neck of funnel or bottle, or resting edges of square or loaf pans on 2 other pans. Let hang, free of table, until cold. Loosen from sides and tube with spatula. Turn pan over and hit edge sharply on table to loosen.

ICING. Melt in small saucepan ¼ cup shortening (part butter adds flavor). Remove from heat. Blend in 4 tsp. SOFTASILK, ⅛ tsp. salt. Stir in slowly ¼ cup milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 1 min. (Don't be alarmed if it curdles.) Stir in 1 cup *sifted* confectioners' sugar, ¼ cup brown sugar (packed in cup). Remove from heat. Stir in ¼ tsp. vanilla. Garnish with Diamond Walnut halves.

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Rooms for snacks and partying

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natural and artificial, is important. Flower boxes outside or built into the inside sill can take the place of curtains in a too-dark room. Light paints and materials will make the most of a little sun.

For dress-up, cut loose with your imagination: a wall arrangement of shining pudding molds . . . green ivy and geraniums . . . a ruffle-trimmed shelf with a collection of country teacups . . . enlargements of family photographs . . . drawings by family artists.

Sunroom

Many homes built in the twenties were blessed with a sunroom—a squarish enclosed room, with windows on three sides, jutting out from either living or dining room. Today most of those sunrooms are seldom used because they lack privacy.

If you need an extra room for study-guest room, filling in the sunroom walls and rearranging windows will be a lot less costly than building another room. With walls filled in, you'll have the makings of a snug library which can serve as extra living room, den, and guest room. By all means plan built-in closets there for extra storage.

If you don't want to get involved in much construction, you can still make better use of the sunroom as is. Sill-length draw curtains on a concealed continuous track around three sides will make that mess of little windows look like three huge ones. If you cover a center group of windows with curtains, you can get wall space for a desk or chest. Wood slats, bamboo or Venetian blinds will serve the same cover-up purpose. Sectional furniture—bookcases, chest, low under-window shelves and cupboards—make ideal fittings for your sunroom-study.

Recreation or hobby room

Take that seldom-used porch or breezeway, attic or basement room and make it into a recreation room where your children can entertain their pals and where you can play chess or table tennis with your guests. Since the room will be used informally you don't need to do much remodeling. Just be sure

Tuck a study-guest room into your attic

Build a screen to separate basement music room from heater

Baker's Coconut Quickie #9

Tiny Jam sandwiches
Cream Cheese—Baker's Coconut

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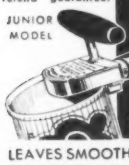

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you provide adequate lighting, ventilation, and heating. Or move your dining table into the living room (if there's space) and re-do your dining room as a recreation room.

Composition tile floors which can be laid over almost any smooth base are the ticket for dancing. Built-in benches will provide storage space below. A folding table-tennis table which separates across the middle will double for buffet service. An old piano and radio-record player will make your game room a sometimes music room. A fireplace—if you can have it—means indoor steak fries over glowing coals.

Don't overlook family hobbies in planning your recreation room. Built-in cupboards can provide space for all sorts of activities: movie equipment . . . a compact little workbench for handicraft . . . sewing machine and dressmaking dummy . . . a darkroom . . . a hand loom.

Sturdy outdoor furniture which can commute to lawn or porch in summer makes the best recreation-room furnishings. If you must use living-room castoffs, paint or refinish them all to match. Bright-colored sailcloth, homespun, or denim slipcovers look best, wear best. Frame windows with shaped plywood cornices, then paint or stencil the cornices with bright sayings, flowers, or peasant figures.

Outdoor living room

Whether you live where summer is almost perpetual or where three warm months is a good average, you can plan for an outdoor living area. Quick-growing hedge or split-sapling fence will shield your yard. Cement or level-flagstone floor, a framework for screens, a stretched canvas roof like an enormous awning, and roll-down slat or bamboo blinds will make an outdoor living-dining room against a house wall for little investment. Come winter, everything but the floor moves into safe storage.

Cooking outdoors is part of the fun . . . so plan on an outdoor fireplace or grill where you can throw a log on the coals after supper and enjoy a round of close harmony in the firelight. Easy access to the kitchen will free the cook and bottle washer from worries about setting and clearing the picnic table.

Back to planning

All thru this series, we have harped on plan, plan, plan. That's because the plan is your major job—actual results are the dividends for the time you've invested in working out the details beforehand.

BETTER HOMES & GARDENS

Simple-simply delicious-

THRIFTY

Recipe Fry ½ lb. sausage until brown. Drain. Add to contents of a tin of Heinz Condensed Vegetable Soup (undiluted). Place in casserole. Top with mashed potatoes. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes.

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RECIPES FOR

Christmas foods

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Popcorn Balls

Tint the sugar syrup red for Christmas—

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup water
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine
- 1 teaspoon red food coloring
- 6 cups popped corn

Combine sugar, water, vinegar, corn syrup, and salt. Cook to very hard-ball stage (265°). Add butter and coloring. Pour over popped corn. Make popcorn balls.

Peppermint Candy Canes

Here's how you can make them at home—

- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup light corn syrup
- ½ cup water
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- ¾ teaspoon peppermint extract
- ¾ to 1 teaspoon red food coloring

Combine sugar, corn syrup, water, and cream of tartar; stir until sugar dissolves. Cook without stirring, to very hard-ball stage (265°). Remove from heat and add peppermint extract. Divide in 2 portions; add coloring to 1 part. Pour out on greased platters. When candy is cool enough to handle, pull each part separately. Form in ropes and twist red part around white. Cut in 8-inch lengths and form in the shape of candy canes. Makes 10 canes.

Chestnut Stuffing

It's rich, so just fill the turkey breast; use celery stuffing for the rest—

- 1 cup finely chopped roasted chestnuts
- 2 cups soft bread crumbs
- 1 cup diced celery
- ½ cup finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine, melted
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
- ½ cup water

Combine ingredients; toss lightly. Stuff breast of 10-pound turkey. Stuff body cavity with celery stuffing.

Steamed Plum Puddings

Each comes to the table with a tiny flaming candle—

- 1 cup finely chopped suet
- 1 cup fine, dry bread crumbs
- 1 cup dark corn syrup
- 2 beaten eggs
- 2 cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon each nutmeg, cloves, and allspice
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¾ cup milk
- 1½ cups seedless raisins
- ¼ cup chopped California walnuts

Combine suet and crumbs; add syrup and eggs; blend. Sift dry ingredients; add alternately with milk. Add raisins and nuts. Fill well-greased individual molds two-thirds full. Cover tightly. Steam 1½ hours. Serve hot with **Foamy Sauce:** Beat 2 egg yolks until very stiff and lemon-colored. Add dash of salt and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add 1 cup confectioners' sugar gradually. Fold in 1 cup heavy cream, whipped. Serves 8 to 10.

Almond Cookies

Tender and buttery, crusted with shredded almonds—

- ½ cup butter or fortified margarine
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 beaten egg yolk
- 1¼ cups enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 slightly beaten egg white
- ½ cup slivered blanched almonds
- 5 red or green maraschino cherries, quartered

Thoroly cream butter and sugar; add egg yolk and beat thoroly. Stir in flour and salt. Chill until firm. Form in small balls about ½ inch in diameter. Dip in egg white and roll in almonds. Place on greased cooky sheet; slightly press

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Turkey Timetable

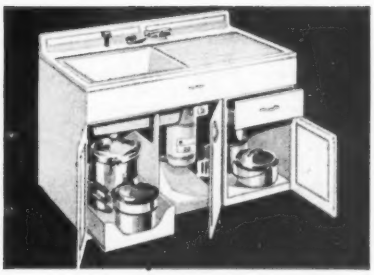
This timetable gives the approximate roasting time for chilled, stuffed turkeys. If you are roasting the turkey without stuffing or if bird is at room temperature when it goes to the oven, figure 5 minutes per pound less roasting time.

Plan to roast the turkey so it will be done and out of the oven 20 minutes before serving time.

This allows time to garnish the platter, make the gravy.

Weight (with stuffing)	Oven Temperature	Roasting Time
8 to 10	325°	3 to 3½ hrs. (25 to 20 min. per lb.)
10 to 14	325°	3½ to 4 hrs. (20 to 18 min. per lb.)
14 to 18	300°	4 to 4½ hrs. (18 to 15 min. per lb.)
18	300°	4½ to 5 hrs. (15 to 13 min. per lb.)
20	300°	5 to 6 hrs. (15 to 13 min. per lb.)

How to get your dream kitchen-and save



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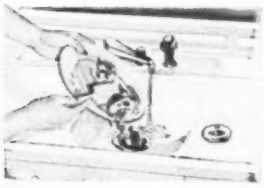

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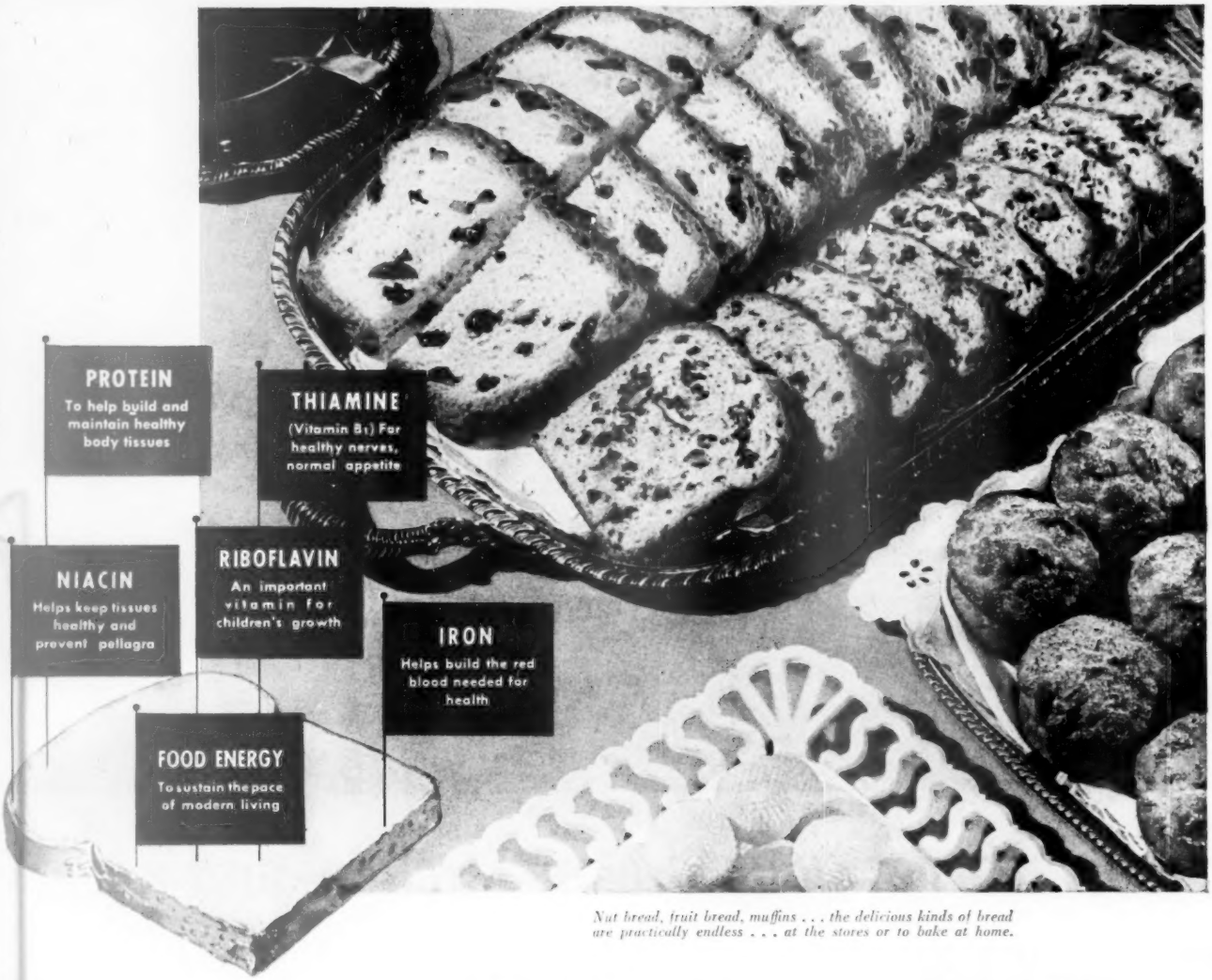

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New faces, new flavors for refrigerator cookies

From one easy recipe you can make the five kinds of crisp refrigerator cookies shown on the double-deck plate

Divide the cooky dough in two parts. To one part, add 2 ounces chocolate, melted and cooled. Leave other part plain. For variety in flavor you can add to chocolate dough: (1) ½ teaspoon anise extract or 5 to 6 drops oil of anise, or (2) ¼ cup finely chopped black walnuts, or (3) ¼ teaspoon almond extract and ¼ cup sliced blanched almonds. To vary the plain dough, add (1) ½ teaspoon maple extract and ½ cup chopped California walnuts, or (2) ½ cup shredded coconut, or (3) ½ teaspoon grated orange peel and ½ cup chopped pecans

FIRST, you make a plain refrigerator cooky dough. This is the recipe:

¾ cup shortening (part butter for flavor)	1 beaten egg
1½ cups sugar	3 cups enriched flour
2 teaspoons vanilla	1 teaspoon salt
	¾ teaspoon soda
	3 tablespoons hot water

Thoroly cream shortening, sugar, and vanilla. Add egg; beat, then add ½ cup of the sifted dry ingredients; beat smooth. Add the hot water, mix well; stir in the remaining dry ingredients.

Now you divide the dough in two, as shown in picture at left. To one half, add 2 ounces chocolate, melted and cooled. Leave other half plain. From this one batch you can make one of the fancy cookies shown on the double-deck plate.

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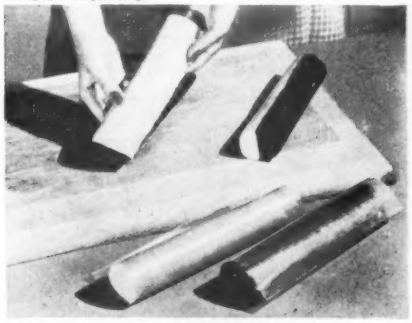
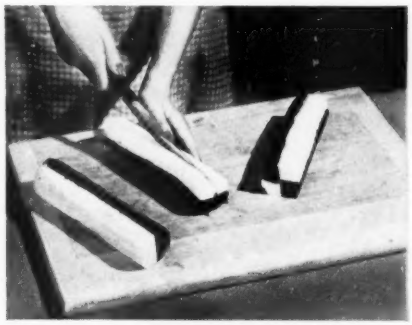


Half and Half Cookies. Using the full recipe, make one roll of the plain dough, one of the chocolate, as shown at bottom of picture. Rolls are about 12 inches long, 2 inches thick. Wrap in waxed paper; chill thoroly. With sharp knife, cut lengthwise thru center of each roll. Brush cut surfaces with hot milk. Press plain and chocolate together as shown. Wrap and chill rolls before slicing them to bake



Whirligigs. These go a step farther than the Half and Half Cookies shown at left. Cut chilled Half and Half roll as shown, slicing lengthwise thru both plain and chocolate. Brush cut surfaces with hot milk. Then turn one of the halves end for end; seal the two halves together. Cut remaining roll for Half and Half Cookies or make more Whirligigs

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Holiday Treats

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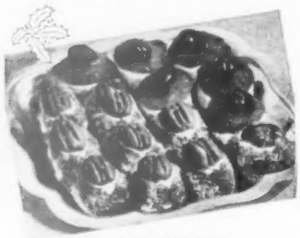
½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
2 tablespoons water
¼ teaspoon mint extract
¼ lb. Campfire, Angelus or Recipe Marshmallows
¼ lb. moist shredded cocoanut

Stir sugar, syrup and water in small saucepan until sugar dissolves. Heat to boiling point and boil two to three minutes. Cool slightly, add mint extract. Spear marshmallow on skewer or toothpick, dip in syrup, roll in cocoanut. Makes 16 pieces.



ANGELUS STUFFED DATES

Remove stones from moist, plump dates. Cut Campfire, Angelus or Recipe Marshmallows in halves and place half a marshmallow in each date. Place a nut on each marshmallow and press date into shape. Roll in granulated sugar. Other dried fruits, figs, apricots and prunes, may be steamed and stuffed with half marshmallows.

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Refrigerator cookies

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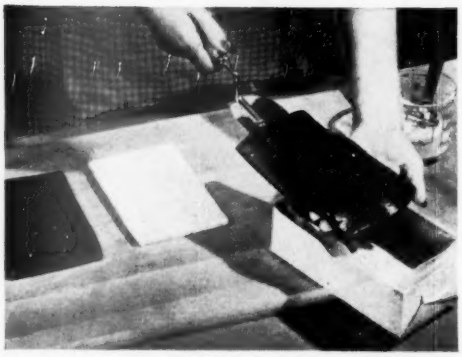
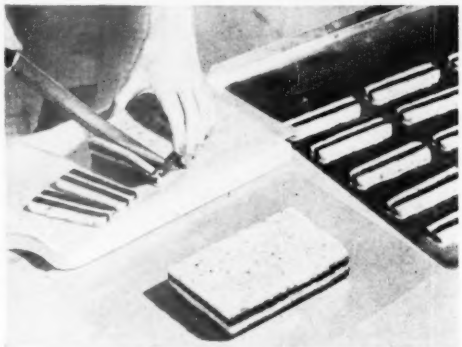
How to bake

Slice cookies (recipe, page 99) ⅛ inch thick to bake. Place 1 inch apart on cooky sheet. Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) 10 to 12 minutes, or until lightly browned. One recipe will make 4 to 6 dozen cookies.

If the dough is too soft to handle, chill it briefly. To make rectangles, photograph at right, roll dough between two sheets of waxed paper—it's much easier to handle. To keep sides straight push edges with flat side of knife or spatula.

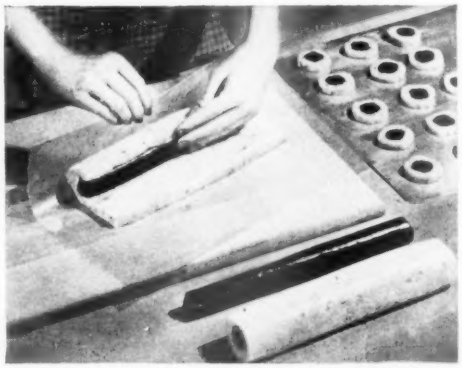




Ribbon Cookies

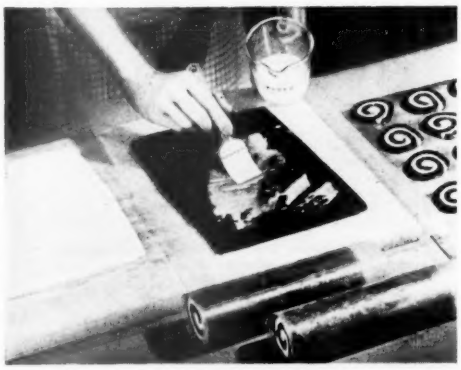
Top picture: Line box (4 inches wide by 7 inches long is good size) with waxed paper. Roll plain and chocolate dough into 7- by 8-inch rectangles ⅜ inch thick. Cut each in half to make 4- by 7-inch rectangles.

Now with wide spatula transfer plain layer to box. Brush with hot milk, add a chocolate layer; continue till layers are used. Press together gently. Chill thoroly. Bottom picture: Slice cooky dough crosswise and you'll have the ribbon cookies



Bull's-Eye Cookies

Form one-third of the chocolate dough into small roll 1 inch thick and 6 inches long. Chill thoroly. Take two-thirds of the plain dough, roll into a 4- by 6½-inch rectangle ½ inch thick. Brush with hot milk, roll plain dough around chocolate roll. Seal, wrap in waxed paper, and chill before slicing. With remaining dough, make small roll of plain dough, rectangle of chocolate—this makes Bull's-Eyes with light center, chocolate rim



Pinwheels

Roll both plain and chocolate dough into 10- by 12-inch rectangles, 3/16 inch thick. Brush chocolate with hot milk, top with plain dough. Then brush plain dough with hot milk. Roll layers together like a jelly roll. Wrap in waxed paper and chill thoroly before slicing

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"All right dear, the commercial is over."

Recipes for Christmas foods

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a quarter of cherry in center of each cooky. Bake in moderate oven (325°) about 20 minutes. Makes about 1½ dozen.

Cranberry-Juice Cocktail

A cheery red for the holidays, full of zip for the appetite—

- 1 16-ounce bottle (2 cups) cranberry juice
- 1 12-ounce can (1½ cups) pineapple juice
- 1 18-ounce can (2½ cups) grapefruit juice

Mix chilled juices. Pour over ice. Serves 6.

Scalloped Potatoes and Onion Casserole

Slice some onion in with the potatoes, add some parsley—mighty good—

- 6 cups sliced, pared potatoes
- 2 cups sliced onions
- ¼ cup minced parsley
- 2½ cups medium white sauce

Partially cook potato slices in boiling water about 10 minutes. Drain. Alternate layers of potatoes and onions in greased 2-quart casserole. Add parsley to white sauce; stir to blend. Pour over potatoes and onions. Bake uncovered in moderate oven (350°) about 50 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Serves 6 to 8.

Avocado-Cranberry-Orange Salad

Avocado halves filled with tangy cranberry-orange relish—

- 4 cups fresh cranberries
- 2 oranges
- 1 lemon
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup

Put cranberries thru food grinder using coarse blade. Quarter whole oranges and lemon; remove seeds; grind. Add sugar and corn syrup; mix well. Stir until sugar dissolves. Freeze until just firm. Makes 4 cups. Fill avocado halves.

Mincemeat Pastries

Little pies you can eat with your fingers—

- 1 9-ounce package mincemeat
- ½ cup water
- 1 cup chopped raw cranberries
- ¾ cup sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 1 recipe Plain Pastry

Break mincemeat; add water and heat to boiling; cook 3 minutes, or until mixture is thick and free from lumps. Cool. Add cranberries, sugar, and salt. Makes 2 cups filling. Roll pastry ⅛ inch thick; using cooky cutter, cut out trees, stars, bells; make two of each for a tart. Spread 1 tablespoon mixture in center of each. Moisten edges with water, add tops. Crimp edges with floured fork. Prick tops. Bake in hot oven (450°) about 15 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen pastries.

Turkey Tetrazzini

Turkey, noodles, and mushrooms in a delicious casserole—

- ½ 8-ounce package medium noodles
- 2 cups leftover diced turkey or chicken
- 6 tablespoons fat
- 6 tablespoons enriched flour
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon celery salt
- 2 cups turkey stock
- 1 cup heavy cream, scalded
- ⅛ teaspoon sherry flavoring
- 1 6-ounce can broiled mushrooms
- ⅓ cup toasted slivered almonds
- 3 tablespoons minced parsley
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook noodles in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain. Melt fat; add flour and blend. Add seasonings and stock; cook over low heat until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in cream, sherry flavoring, mushrooms, almonds, and parsley. Alternate layers of noodles, turkey, and mushroom sauce in greased 2-quart casserole. Top with cheese. Bake uncovered in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Serves 8.

Holiday Salad Bowl

A big tossed salad, red and green—

- 1 clove garlic
- 1 head lettuce
- 1 bunch water cress or
- ½ bunch curly endive
- 1 cup diced green celery
- 1 green pepper, cut in rings
- ½ cup French dressing
- 1 bunch green onions, cut in 1-inch sticks
- 1 cup sliced radishes
- 1 cup carrot slices

Rub salad bowl with cut clove of garlic. Break lettuce and cress or endive in bite-sized pieces. Add celery and green pepper. Pour over dressing. Toss lightly. Garnish with onions, radishes, and carrot slices. Serves 6.

Peach Melba Meringues

Meringues are delicate green; peaches have a rosy sauce—

Meringue Shells

- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- 3 egg whites
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon green food coloring

Add salt, vinegar, and vanilla to egg whites; beat to stiff foam. Add sugar very gradually and continue beating until very stiff. Add food coloring. Spoon in mounds on cooky sheet covered with plain ungreased paper; shape 8 3½-inch cups with spoon. Bake in slow oven (250°) 60 minutes. Remove from paper immediately. Cool. Just before serving top with peach half, cut side down. Spoon over **Melba Sauce:** Whip raspberry jam; if too heavy, add corn syrup until sauce will pour.

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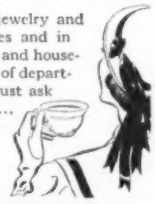

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Cheese for Christmas

Glassed cheese spread has a ruff of paper doily, and sits in a Toby jug. Stick gold star on the lid

Baby Gouda in its bright red coat is fringed with greenery. Perfect fit for the big cup that Dad will like for breakfast coffee. Top with silver bells

Edam bouquet is red-cellophane-wrapped cheese backed with pleated doily. Tie with gay ribbon

Smooth, yellow Chantelle is gift-tied to a 12-inch wooden plate. Ribbons are red. Cheese knives are taped in place. They have red raffia handles

PUZZLING over your Christmas shopping list? Here are ideas for those special people you just can't think of what to give. Gift-wrap cheese and send it with a snack tray, a cheese board or plate. It's a thoughtful, original way to say Merry Christmas.

Almost everyone likes cheese. It's a package fit for a gourmet. And whether you send it to Dad, Aunt Susan, or your neighbors down the street, one thing's sure. Cheese has a special welcome spot on every holiday table.

Your gift can be as simple and inexpensive as a crock of cheese spread made festive with red ribbon, gold Christmas stars, and greenery. Or, if you wish to spend more, you may choose some of the smart accessories shown.

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Jolly Edam is wrapped in cellophane, topped with a gold star. It's in a green bowl on matching plate with gold border design. Send along a cheese slicer

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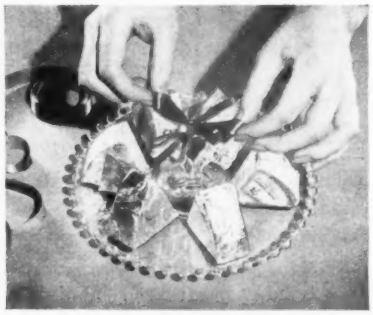
Two-pound package of sharp cheese fits wicker basket. Other basket holds rye krisp or crackers. Satin ribbon is run thru the slicing slot of cheese knife



Foil-wrapped Camembert wedges are on a crystal cheese plate. Tie a pert red bow on the handle. Wrap all in cellophane and deliver Christmas eve

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CHEESE for Christmas

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Half wheel of Blue cheese, red apples, big pears are wrapped in aluminum foil and tied to matching metal cheese trays. See below. Fasten a small holly leaf to pear and apple stems. Tuck grape cluster on top of cheese

Pineapple cheese makes a Christmas pine cone. Center on bleached wooden plate. Add a wheel of crackers around edge of plate

Assorted cheese and crackers are packed in wicker hampers all ready for the college student returning to school and the midnight spread. Include glassed variety cheese spreads and sharp slicing cheese in snack basket

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Which room in *your* house needs a beautiful new carpet?

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CHEESE for Christmas

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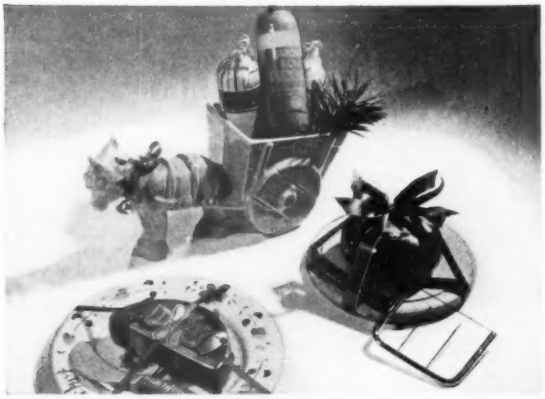
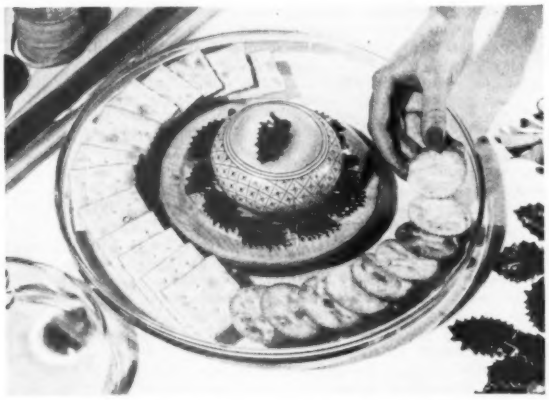


Aged cheddar and hickory-smoked cheese sticks fill blue pottery cart. Half round of cheese, with knife, is tied to the gaily decorated wood cheese plate. Edam cheese is dressed up with slicer and round board

Assorted cheese spreads and greenery sprigs fill shallow wicker basket. Tie with big red satin bow and tag of silver bells. It's a sure hit at a Christmas buffet or open house. Basket can be used when cheese is gone as a basket for hot rolls, sliced bread, biscuits, or crackers



Round American cheese fills the center of a holly wreath. Circle with assortment of crackers on rim of cheese board. Crystal cheese plate has wood center. Glass dome cover, lower left, keeps cheese fresh after it's sliced. Wrap gift in cellophane, tie with bright red and green ribbons of various lengths. Stick gold stars on the ends of the ribbons

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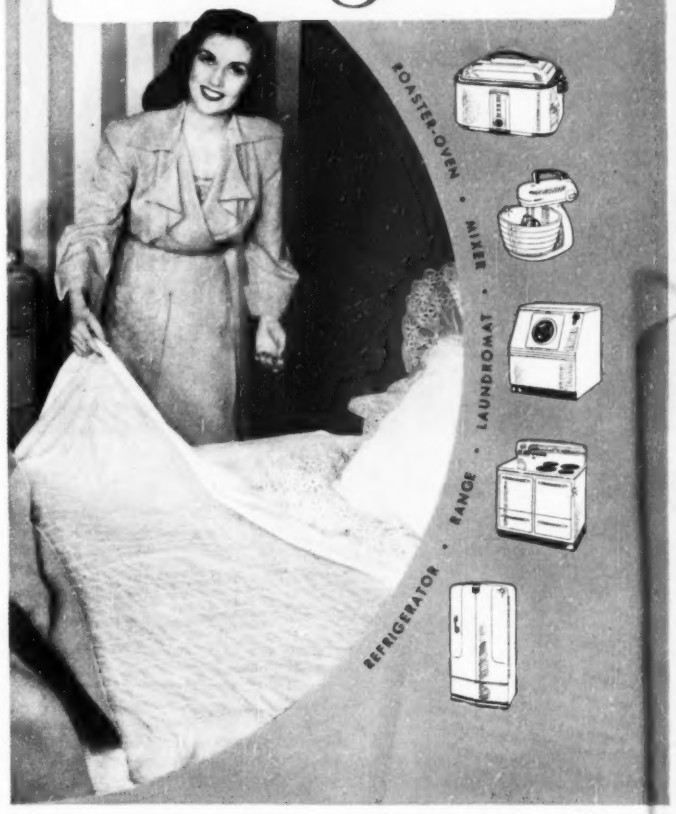

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Cooking with crackers, cookies, and wafers includes a large variety of recipes—refrigerator and baked desserts, candies, casseroles, and croquettes. Cookies and wafers, for instance—do you use them in a crunchy topper on a peach cobbler, a special crust for a super chiffon pie, or the layers in a frozen dessert? You have your choice of all the kinds of cookies and wafers there are. Macaroons you may use in Charlotte Russe, Bavarian Cream, or Nesselrode Pudding. Chocolate wafers may star for you in a peppermint refrigerator dessert, cream pie, or nutty dessert roll. Vanilla wafers may be the beginning of a beautiful frozen pineapple torte; gingersnaps may be the spicy ingredient in a cake, a raisin sauce, or famous gravy.

The crackers you use may be bite-size whole-wheat cocktail crackers, round crisp crackers, cheese-flavored crackers, whole-wheat squares, graham crackers, soda crackers, or saltines. They may be used in croquettes, cheese fondue, meat loaf, or stuffing; they may form a golden coating on fried chicken, fish, or chops; or make a shell for baked eggs. Perhaps you have a graham-cracker cake or steamed pudding. Or maybe you use your graham-cracker crumbs in baked custard or Apple Betty.

Send us whatever cracker or cooky recipe you consider your best. Win a prize!

Cottage-cheese dishes may be anything from cheesecake to a cottage-cheese salad or omelet. Cottage cheese is used in salads galore—as a stuffing for tomatoes, celery, or fruit; in gelatine molds. What's your favorite combination? With fruit such as figs, oranges, apricots, peaches, pears, pineapple, prunes, cranberry sauce? Or with vegetables such as carrots, cauliflower, cucumber, asparagus, or tossed greens?

Cottage cheese finds a place in desserts, too. We've tasted custard pie, a strawberry gelatine dessert, and bread pudding made with cottage cheese. We want your recipes for these and any other cottage-cheese dishes you've tried and found good. And there are cottage-cheese main dishes you may have tried—fritters, pancakes, scalloped dishes, scrambled eggs, stuffed green peppers and onions.

Here's a chance for you to send in that unusual cottage-cheese recipe that's intrigued your friends and family. Share it with us.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement, and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "July Cracker and Cooky Recipe" or "July Cottage-Cheese Dish."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of your recipe.
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7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, December 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5412 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This Month's Winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Mrs. Gordon Kepner of Fargo, North Dakota. Her Frozen Fruit Salad is a mixture of maraschino cherries, pineapple, marshmallows, cream cheese, and whipped cream. You can serve it either as salad or dessert for dinner, for noon club, or late evening lunch.

Another fruit salad is Mary Lally's Ginger Ale Fruit Salad made with fruit cocktail, grapes, and California walnuts in ginger ale-flavored gelatine. Its tangy flavor makes it a refreshing accompaniment for a rich holiday dinner.

Mrs. Whitney's Cranberry Stars is another slightly tart gelatine salad. Raw ground cranberries, pineapple, celery, and nuts give it a relish-like flavor your family will like with the Christmas turkey.

For those who prefer tossed salads, there's the Country Inn Salad Bowl which won Mrs. Vos a prize. Shredded red and green cabbage, beets, and green pepper give it Christmas colors; chopped onion and celery give it fresh flavor. It's a wintertime version of a crisp midsummer garden salad.

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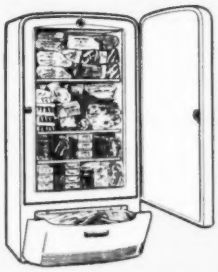

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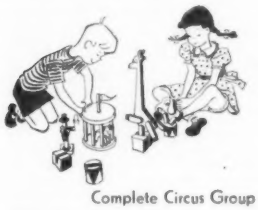

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Perhaps your Christmas plans include getting some new furniture for your home—or new draperies, new rugs, or wallpaper. To help you achieve the effect you're after, write today for *Better Homes & Gardens* new book of ***Home Furnishings Ideas.*** Its 202 pages are crammed with how-to photographs and ideas on blending your favorite colors and fabrics, arranging furniture, making draperies. And—another suggestion—wouldn't this complete decorating guide make an unusual and welcome gift for any homemaker on your list? Price, $1.

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Caniff home

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Milton Caniff's bedroom color scheme is as masculine as his comic-strip characters—heavy beige and rust draperies, rust-colored bedspread, beige rug. Favorite books are handy in the headboard shelf. And there's a drawing board set up in the room so he can work late

Mrs. Caniff's bedroom is done in restful, feminine tints of pale pink, violet, and beige—a perfect setting for any blonde. Full shantung draw curtains soften incoming sunlight, can be pulled together at night

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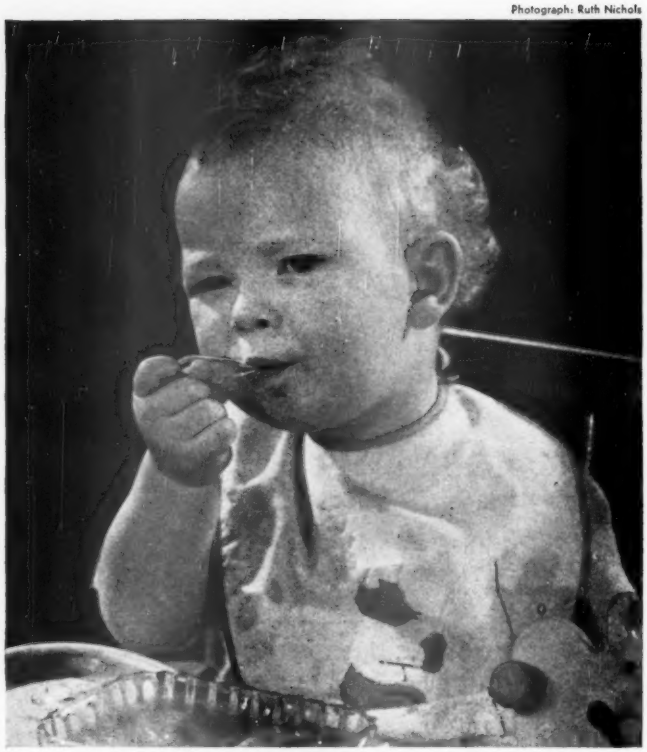

This young man may be a hearty eater today. Tomorrow, simply not interested in food

Trust your baby to eat enough

Coaxing him to eat more than he wants can bring on mealtime problems

By Ann Usher

YOUR baby knows when he is hungry. He also knows when he is full. And he can signal, too, when he wants more of something. If you'll just trust these three instincts of his, he will do all right. He'll eat the right amounts for his individual needs at his age. And you won't have to worry about a feeding problem.

If you stuff him with food he doesn't want, you may turn him into a poor eater. Excessive effort to make a child eat is seldom necessary anyway. A well baby is not likely to stop eating before he has had all he needs *at that particular moment*. The thing for you to realize is that his need for food may vary from one meal to another, from one age to another, from one season to another.

What if your baby *was* a lusty eater when he was tiny and now he isn't? Such a development is perfectly natural. It's nothing to worry about. During the first year all babies may be big eaters one month, light eaters the next. And after they reach their first birthday, their appetite almost always falls off.

That's because a baby doesn't grow as fast in his second year. He doesn't need as much food, in proportion to his size, as he did during his early months. In his first year, he accomplishes the most enormous growth of his career. Never again will he be expected to triple his weight in one year.

So expect smaller appetites in the second year as a matter of course. Your baby will let you know when he wants more to eat. And even in that first year, tho you know he has a big growing job to do, you can trust your baby to know how much food he wants at a time. If your doctor says "let him have two ounces of cereal now," he means your baby can have two ounces *if the baby wants it*. No modern doctor means for you to force-feed your child.

IN ANY event, it usually doesn't do much good to try to feed your baby more than he wants. It's no trick to get a *hungry* baby to eat more, but there is nothing more firmly closed than the mouth of an infant who doesn't want what you are trying to poke into him. If you should succeed in cramming in a

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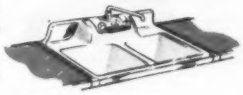

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fiercely fought morsel, he's an expert at spitting it out again. If he unwittingly swallows it, then he's really mad. And you may bring on a feeding problem by your persistence.

No one likes to throw out uneaten food, but it's better to respect your baby's refusal. You can offer a smaller portion the next time. Otherwise you may set up a dislike for a particular food, perhaps even for food in general.

IN ADDITION to having greater appetites at one time than another, some children occasionally go on favorite food sprees. They'll eat all they can get of a certain food and refuse entirely other foods offered at the same time. Such exclusive preferences don't last long at a time. Apparently they do no harm, so don't worry about them.

PERHAPS you've read of Dr. Clara M. Davis's famous self-selection experiment.

Doctor Davis, now on the staff of Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, took children so young they could just finger-feed themselves and set several dishes of suitable foods before them. After a few tentative tastes, the babies frequently selected one food, ate the entire serving, and signified they wanted more of it—ignoring the other foods on their tray. At every meal, they were permitted to

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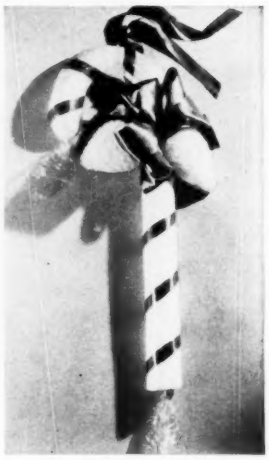

A huge candy cane of expanded plastic is trimmed with white pine cones and a red satin bow, wrapped in transparent plastic to keep it waterproof. The cane, 27" long is $8. Postpaid. Podesta & Baldocchi, 224 Grant Ave., San Francisco 8, California.

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eat as much as they wanted of any one food.

But over her period of observation, Doctor Davis found that the children's preferences included all the elements they needed. And, what's more, they gained and developed as well as children eating so-called balanced meals.

We have all known cravings for certain foods. When we appease such a craving, it passes quickly. But at the time it seems almost that an instinctive need is driving us to the food we want.

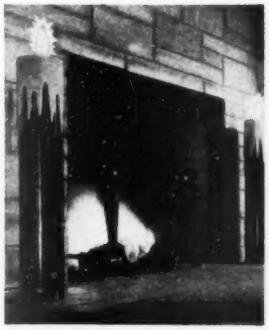
IT'S the same way with your child. It doesn't hurt once in a while if you allow him to eat more of one wholesome food and pass up another if he seems to crave the preferred item. About the only sweets you give him when he's little are gelatine, custards, and sometimes ice cream, so you don't have to worry about his going on a sweets orgy. And, to avoid catering to his whims, you can rotate foods so that his favorite one does not appear too frequently.

As Doctor Davis and others point out, your baby has more food sense than you might expect. So, if he's healthy, be content when he is satisfied at mealtimes.

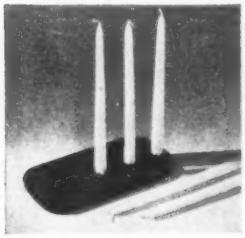
If he loses weight or fails to gain over a reasonable period of time, then it's a case for your doctor. If your baby really needs more food, nagging won't help.

By Gretchen King

There must be an angel on top of the tree! Here's a 10-inch doll mounted on a tube to slip over the topmost twig. She's dressed in white brocade with silver wings and a halo of lucite that picks up and radiates light from the bulb behind it. The *Halo Angel* with 8′ of cord is $2, postpaid. J. J. Anthony, 1517 West North Ave., Milwaukee 5, Wisconsin.



The fireplace is a focus of interest, so flank it with tall electric candles in red, green, or gold aluminum foil. Light reflects against a metal halo. Candles are 21″ tall, $4.95 a pair; 30″, $5.95; 35″, $6.95; postpaid, bulbs included. Foxbilt, Inc., 1415 N. 18th St., Omaha, Nebraska.



For distinctive table decorations, a candle board holds from one to 13 candles. You can arrange fruit, flowers, evergreen, or autumn leaves over the board. Wooden board is 8″x12″, finished in soft green. Metal knobs on bottom protect table top. *Candle Board* is $2, postpaid. Cedar Box, 75 Vernon Dr., Pittsburgh 16, Pennsylvania.

Little Christmas trees are formed of lacquered holly leaves and berries. Trees are green, silver, or gold, all with red berries; 18″ tall, $3.95; 12″, $2.95; postpaid. C. Hawkins Displays, 2257 N. Lake Ave., Altadena, California. The 14-inch wreath is made up of a variety of nuts wired in a ring and topped with a satin bow. The wreath is $8, postpaid, from Podesta & Baldocchi.

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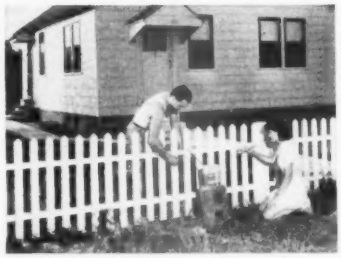

BELLMAWR, NEW JERSEY *By Mrs. Frank J. Coppola*

FRANK and I were to be married September 27, 1947; there was no chance of getting an apartment, and we had little money. So we decided to build.

Frank was living in Philadelphia, and I in Woodbury, New Jersey. It took us four weekends just to decide on plans and the size of our future house. Finally, on June 22, 1947, Frank, his father, and an uncle of mine started to dig the foundation. Their only experience was in minor alterations in their own homes.

We were short of both time and money, so we decided to build without a basement. Gradually the results of our weekends of work began to show as the walls took shape. Then came our most serious setback: The spear of the pipe we were driving for a well broke, and it took us six weeks to get the pipe back out. As a result, our home wasn't complete at the time of our marriage, but we did move in the last week of November. By that time floors were sanded and shellacked, wall linoleum was up in the kitchen and bath, the house was painted inside and out, and there was paper over the plasterboard walls.

At present, our home consists of a kitchen, living room, bath, bedroom, and utility room. Our savings were just enough to cover the cost of the initial building materials—$1,163. The balance we paid for from our pay checks and from money received as wedding gifts. We estimate that our expenditure by now has been about $3,000, including $200 for the labor and material in the wiring system—the only skilled labor we employed.

We have put about 1,550 hours of labor in our home. Based on mechanics' pay in our community, that would represent about $4,364 that we saved by doing the work ourselves. Our home is not finished yet—it's still our favorite project.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA *By Don Finke*

WE'RE planning, sometime, to buy or build another home, designed to fit our specific needs. So when the need for another bedroom and bath in our present home became apparent, I decided to do the work myself. Paying to have the extra room built would mean putting more money into the house than it would be worth to us.

I'm a pilot captain on an airline, and have done some mechanical and metalwork. But before I began my home projects, I had never worked with wood. Downstairs, I have built a drawer and cupboard unit in the bathroom, and have finished two corner cupboards in the dining room.

Altho, like most airline pilots, I fly a shift of several days, with time off between, there is paper work to be done by first pilots, so I don't always work on the room on my days off. Much of the work has been done at night.

One of the major difficulties was getting the building material into the room. I had been carrying it up a ladder to a gable window, with my wife inside to help jockey it thru. I don't mind heights, but she does, and finally she had to stop helping at the job, since she got too nervous looking down the ladder to the ground below.

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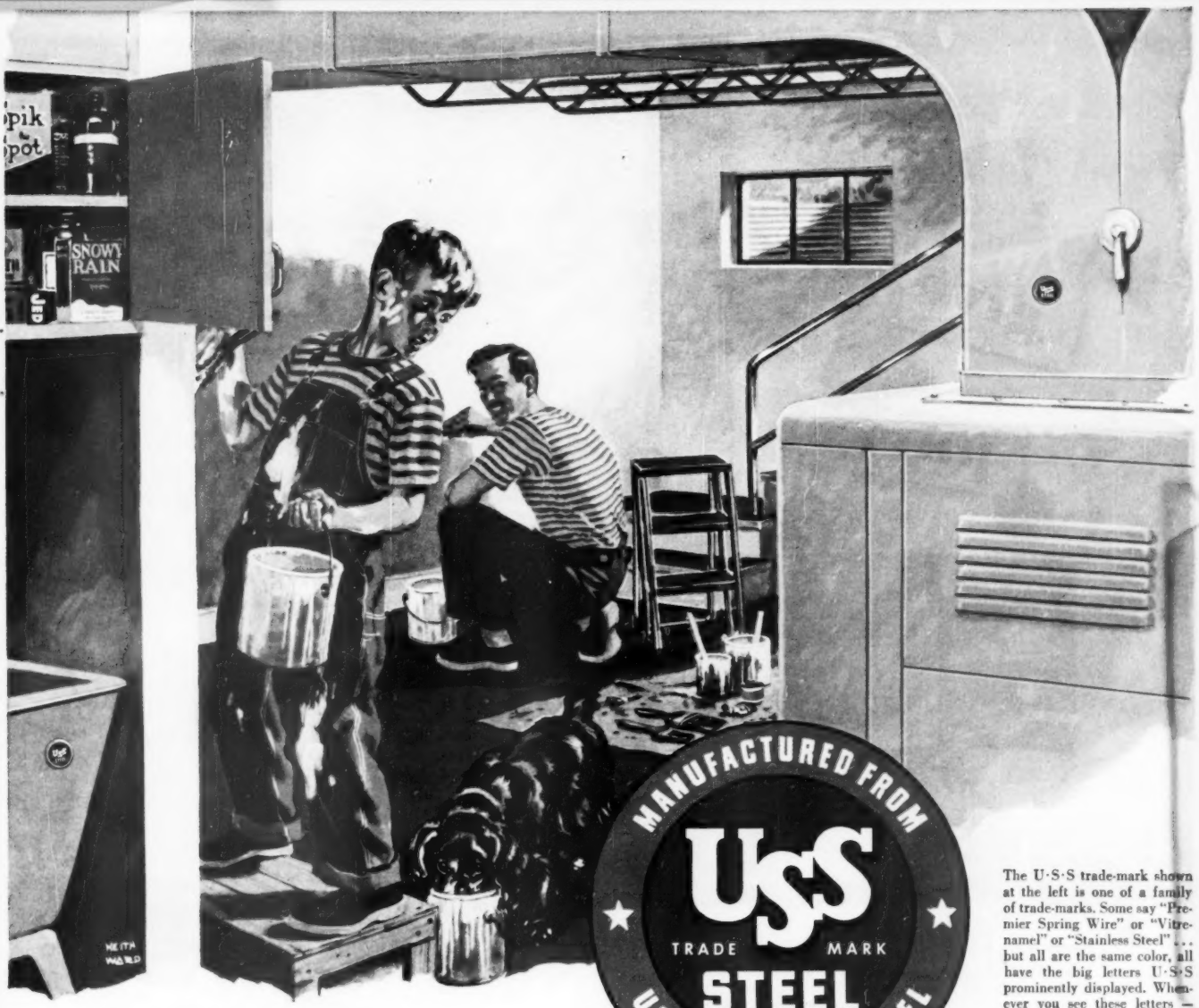

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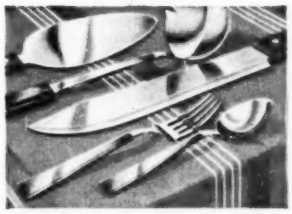

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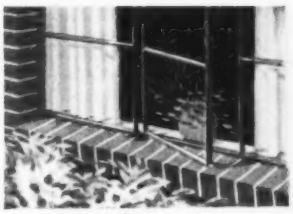

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MASSAPEQUA PARK, NEW YORK *By Mrs. Jay H. Karpin*

WHEN Jay and I were engaged, we had no hope of finding a house to fit our income or dreams. So we decided to build a cottage on my sister's property.

Using a plan I designed, my husband—a cosmetic chemist by trade—started digging the excavation on Labor Day, 1946, and with the help of my sister's husband worked all thru that year—nights, weekends, and holidays. We finished in August, 1947, soon after our marriage.

Our one-room home is constructed of cinder blocks and concrete up to the eaves, with clapboard above. The roof is asphalt shingle, and is the only part we didn't do ourselves.

The living room, about 14 by 15 feet, has sleeping facilities as well as a dining area. Instead of using a sofa which would have to be made up every night, we made a built-in affair under which a double bed slides in the daytime to look like a sofa. This also provides storage space for extra bedding, radio, bric-a-brac and my classical record collection. The furnishings are all refinished pieces, except a spinet piano, bed, and rocker.

The house has two closets, attic storage space, kitchen. The skirt of the built-in sink hides a small washing machine, laundry basket, wastebasket, and vegetables. The bathroom has a secondhand sink set in a drainboard that doubles as my dressing table. Under it a skirt conceals a clothes hamper.

Using secondhand materials and salvage wherever possible, we held the cost to approximately $1,600. We have figured our time, at the hourly rates prevalent here, and it worked out like this:

Type of work	Hours	Hourly pay	Total
Cement and brick	320	$2.00	$640
Woodwork	248	2.50	620
Plumbing, heating	120	2.00	240
Painting, papering	96	1.50	144
Excavation	32	2.00	64
			$1,708

In other words, we saved more than the actual cost of $1,600. A contractor had given us an estimate of $2,900 for just the shell of the house.

My husband and I believe we have found an answer to the problem young couples are facing today. By the time we outgrow this house, we will have saved enough for the larger home.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN *By Mrs. Edmond E. Sutton*

MY HUSBAND and I dreamed over the plans for our new home for years. But with the prices of labor what they are today, we found that building it ourselves was the only way we could have the home we've long desired.

Except for the plastering, the two of us are doing all the work ourselves, with two small boys aged 6 and 2½ helping to "fetch and carry." I have learned to saw, drive nails, measure lumber, and find it fun as well as work.

Excavation was started in April, 1947, and the first year we built forms for the poured concrete basement, laid joists and subflooring.

As soon as weather permitted, we started the wall studding. Altho we work only evenings and Saturdays, as my husband is employed from 8 to 5 as an electric meterman, we hope to have the outside completed so we can work on the inside during the winter. We plan to move in next summer, when only the first floor is completed, and to finish the house soon afterwards.

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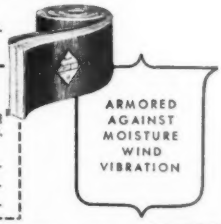

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CINCINNATI, OHIO ***By Mildred D. Burton***

WE USED to joke about having a weekend lodge in the country with a swimming pool, barbecue, and the other luxuries that accompany such living.

We had a small tract of land about 12 miles from the city, and one day we realized that we really could have the place, if we did the work ourselves.

My husband, Rudy, and I scratched out a rough plan calling for a large main room, two dressing rooms, two shower stalls, kitchenette, lavatory, and storage space—and started work immediately.

He dug the footings, and in a few weeks we were laying concrete blocks. I mixed the mortar and helped seal them in, while Rudy manned the plumb and level. Every night until dark and every weekend that weather permitted, we were hard at work.

After the walls reached their proper height, we tackled the roof. We had engaged a carpenter, but an accident and our bank balance forced him out of the picture. It took us almost one month of weekends and evenings to cover the house.

I undertook the fireplace, which is based around a heat-circulating unit, and faced with colorful boulders collected from a nearby river bank. Rudy's now at work on the kitchenette. The picture above shows him in the process of calking our large window.

At present, we've saved about $1,150—the total of the lowest bids submitted for the masonry, plumbing, electric wiring, carpentry, and miscellaneous jobs. The saving will be greater as our work progresses.

And the swimming pool? We're going to do it ourselves, too—the bulldozer and clamshell have finished digging out the site.

Gordon Turner

SCOTTS HILL, TENNESSEE ***By Mrs. Robert M. McPeake***

MY HUSBAND, Marse, is mighty proud of these floors. They're in the guest bedroom of our home, on Highway 100, about halfway between Nashville and Memphis.

The house is our own—right from the plans up. My husband and I both are teachers, and had only the time after school and Saturdays to build it. Marse used a team of mules and a scoop in digging the basement, later truing up the walls with a spade.

The house has two bedrooms, kitchen (with breakfast-room space), living room (with a drop-leaf table for company at dinner), living porch, bath, front porch, and basement.

We moved in when the papering and inside painting were only partly done.

After moving to our new home, I

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finished painting the inside woodwork, bookcase, kitchen cabinets, and unfinished tables. I also did all papering except for the ceiling; my husband helped me with that. Marse was busy meanwhile doing the outside painting, insulating the attic and filling in low places in the lot with dirt from the basement.

We installed linoleum in both kitchen and the porch, and my husband made two sets of screens for the porch. One, of wire, is used in the summer, and the other set, of plastic, is used in the winter.

Labor is very cheap here, considering the high prices elsewhere, but we still saved a considerable sum by doing our own work and drawing our own plans. The county extension agent planned our shrubbery and helped plan what landscaping we have done.

Getting back to the floors—before getting to the point of waxing, Marse had sanded them with sandpaper, a block of wood and lots of brawn.

All we need to make us appreciate our home is to look back over all our hard work and laugh about what was, after all, just lots of fun.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA *By William Orchard*

As a Seabee during the war, I repaired small craft. And that's about all the practical experience I had for the building I've done for my family since. So far, that consists of a two-story building, and an addition to it—my current project.

The first floor of the building is a garage, and above it are living quarters for the family: My wife Barbara; the children, Beverly and Bette—and Betsy, the cocker spaniel. The 12-foot addition I'm putting on will give me space on the first floor for a home workshop, and a bedroom on the second floor.

Most of my work is done weekends—I start as soon as the neighbors are awake in the morning, and sometimes Barbara has to hold a light so I can get in the finishing licks at night. Also, I'm able to put in about two hours work evenings, when I come home from the lumberyard at which I'm a clerk.

A contractor wanted $2,200 to build the addition. I figure it will cost me $1,000 to do myself. Our financing is simple. I get two pay checks a month from the lumber company. Barbara gets the first for household expenses. The second is used to buy building materials.

Two small children and housework keep Barbara pretty busy, but she helps as much as she can—bringing lumber, holding boards and nailing them in place. I wore a "fat lip" for several days after a board slipped as she was passing it to me, and struck me in the face.

Most of my trouble comes from a back injury I received during the war, which makes bending and reaching difficult.

But into the new workroom I'm putting my power saw. Someday it will build a three-unit rental project on the front of our long lot. Then we can move to the desert, where we'll see what the hot sun and dry climate will do for the back.

▶ To learn how to get more home for your building or repair dollar, read, in this issue: "We Built a Log Cabin" on page 156, and "Building Our House Was Strictly a Family Affair" on page 158.

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Q *When washing my baby's diapers, how often should I boil them?*

A At least every second washing you should boil diapers—and boil them well. Use mild, white soap and *no* chemicals (soda, starch or bluing). Dry diapers outdoors, in the sun, whenever possible. (Taken from the *Better Homes & Gardens Baby Book.*)

Q *I have an old, bulky chair that's out of scale with my other furniture. But it's so comfortable that we want to keep it. How can we make it more in harmony with the rest of the living room?*

A Slipcover it. Choose the color and fabric of the slipcovers carefully. Keep in mind that dark colors tend to make a piece look smaller; patterned fabric will break up unattractive lines. (From page 102, *Better Homes & Gardens* book of *Home Furnishings Ideas.*)

Q *We wonder if our house has termites. How can we check?*

A One sign of the presence of termites is their discarded wings. You'll usually find them below doors or windows. Another is the tubelike dirt tunnels you find running across concrete, brick, or other non-wood obstructions. Only rarely can you see termite damage; it's all inside the wood. Check for termites every six months. (Page 87, *Better Homes & Gardens* book of *Home Building Ideas.*)

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Saved from middle age: One daughter's room

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BEFORE "There I was," says Carolyn Nicholson, 13, "with my own room in a nice quiet home. Then along came the Big Idea: We were going to remodel. We were going to extend my room six feet out over the basement garage"

AFTER "There were weeks when we had almost no plumbing and a piece of canvas was the kitchen wall. Then one day, after months, the painter came"

"My room is wonderful. My girl friend, Hester Daubek (left), who almost lives with me, even has her own bed"

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NEIGHBOR

once meant "a near-by farmer"

"NEIGHBOR" is one of those interesting words that carry us back to Anglo-Saxon days. In Anglo-Saxon, *nēah* meant "nigh," "near," and *gebūr* meant "dweller," "farmer." These two words were combined into *nēahgebūr*, meaning literally, "a near-by farmer." The word appears in Medieval English in the form *neighebour* and in Modern English as *neighbor*. Its meaning changing with the evolution of civilization, no longer applies particularly to neighboring farmers, but refers to persons living near each other in apartments or suburban homes as well as to those on near-by farms. Even nations in the modern world are called "neighbors"—an interesting development of a word that means literally "near-by farmer." Thousands of interesting word origins like this one are offered in

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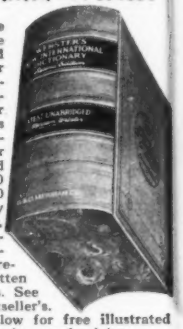

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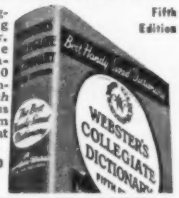

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Saved from middle age: There are places for things now

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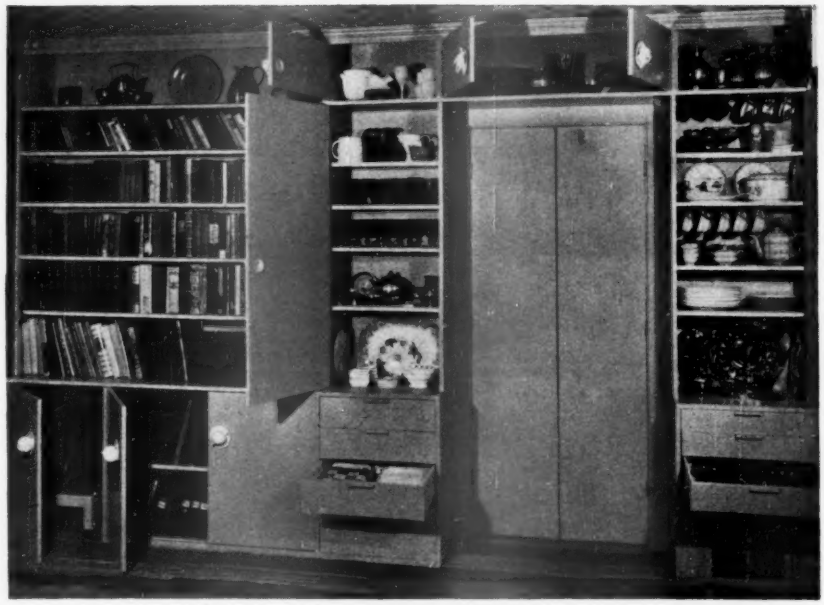
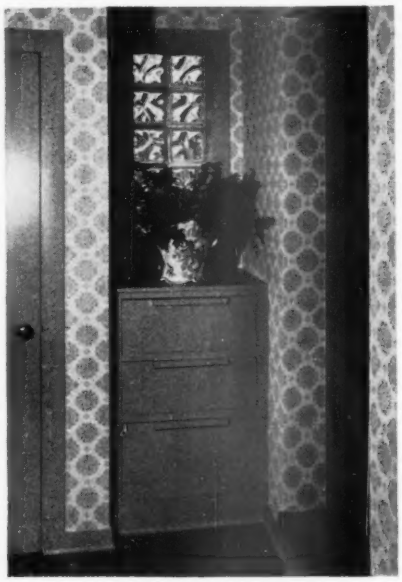


This is the new end of the old dining room with some of the things the Nicholsons had to keep in boxes. Silver, china, linens, books, records, vases—a storage wall takes only 15 inches off the end of a room, and look what you can get in

"It ought to be in the marriage ceremony that every wife have a closet like this instead of having to stick things in corners and old boxes and under beds," says Emelie. "It saves time, hunting, frustration"



Between closets in the front hall is this cabinet for scarves, gloves, rubbers, overshoes, and all the odds and ends there's never any place for

New study on page 130

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Saved from middle age: One porch

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This is what you can get out of the old front porch, enclosed. Peter Nicholson wanted an office to see clients in without bothering his family. In practice, tho, Nicholson, a warm-hearted, quiet man, usually ends up with the clients and family in the living room, having coffee

Steel files are encased in wood cabinets to keep office from looking cluttered, discordant. Building magazines are kept in cupboard at left. Studio couch in other end seats clients, pulls out to make guest room

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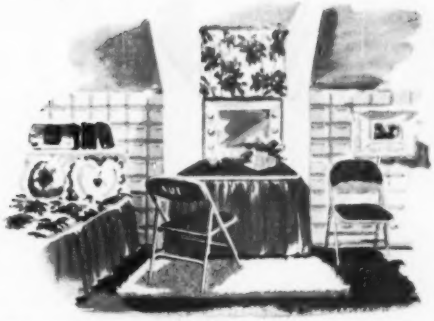
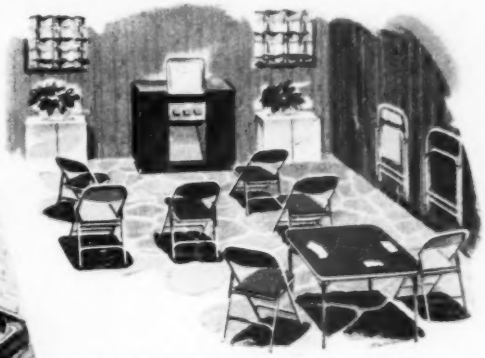
We're giving rooms for Christmas



Sue, our favorite teen-ager, is going to get a "movie-star" bedroom. We're giving her a Samson for her dressing table and two matching chairs in crisp, dewy green. With these, go a whole bagful of slick decorating tricks —side bulbs around the mirror, her own "studio" chair marked "Sue." How she'll love working this out!

This year, we're stretching our gift dollars with bright, brand-new ideas, to make our low cost gifts go further. We're giving Aunt Jane a telephone-powder room. Our recipe: to one closet add a canary yellow Samson chair, one blue Samson table and chair, a mirror, and an old screen, cut in half.



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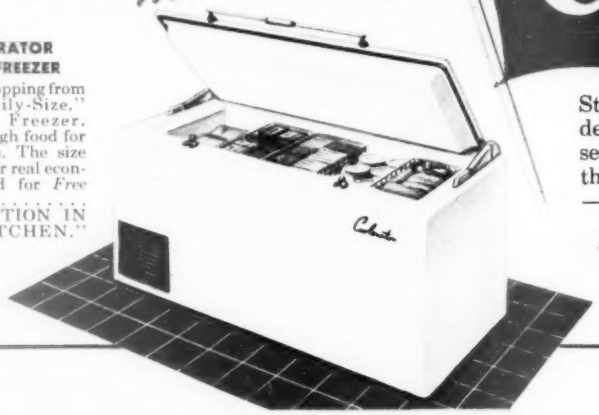

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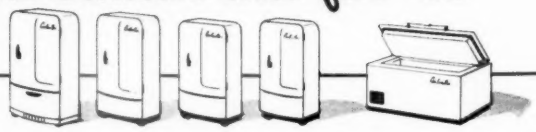

Saved from middle age: What happened outside

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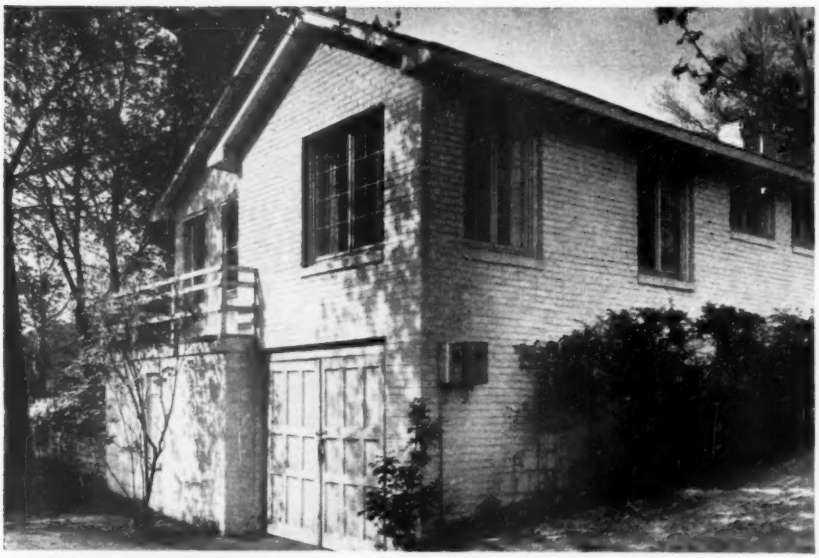
BEFORE Foundation existed for basement garage and to support a porch, which, tho little used because of treacherous steps, kept light from the kitchen

AFTER Without changing the foundation, Nicholson added six feet to Carolyn's bedroom by extending it over the garage, and added four feet to the kitchen by extending it into porch and using remainder of the porch for balcony



Emelie Danielson Nicholson is the widely known ex-New York magazine photographer, Emelie Danielson. She does much kitchen work on the balcony because of the flowers, birds, and the view across to a meadow where sheep graze

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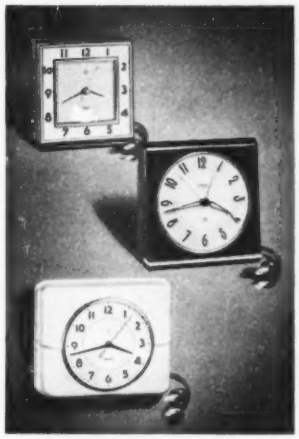
There's a Westclox for every name on your **CHRISTMAS** shopping list . . . .



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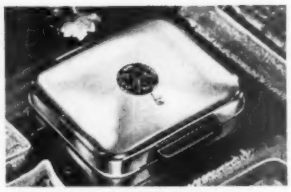

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Saved: By a terrace

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BEFORE This is 1926, symbolic of what's wrong with a middle-aged house, of how far it falls short of giving you full and pleasant living. The only way into the Nicholson kitchen was up the unpleasant stairs behind that door to the back porch. That, or in thru the dining room from the porch at the left. That dining room had become only a passageway

AFTER This is 1948—coffee on the terrace just outside the kitchen door and wired for toaster, coffee maker, and sandwich grill—Emelie and Peter Nicholson looking at you. They've come quite a way since they stopped driving a Model T. They've stopped living in one

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A fine plan—a fine house

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Dining room is separated from the living room by the flat arch thru which you are looking. China cupboard gives you a chance to display good china and silver, also gives you a sewing counter. Drawers hold linen

is as storage space for the luggage, boxes, and odds and ends you would normally keep in the basement. This house has no basement, nor does it need one.

Use of brick on the gable end of the living room makes it look much wider than it really is. Clapboards across the front of the dining room and kitchen emphasize the lowness of the link between living wing and garage. The vertical boarding on the front of the garage seems to add the height necessary to balance the story-and-a-half wing opposite it.

BUILT from the plan is a low, perfectly proportioned house replete with authentic Colonial details. Shutters are correctly half the width of the windows they flank. Hinges on the garage door are black wrought iron. Chimney is brick with a semicircular brick hood over it to protect it from rain and nesting birds.

For how to buy plans, see page 215

One entire kitchen wall is devoted to cupboard and work space. Dining table occupies a corner out of the line of traffic. Utility room is to right of refrigerator. Note how wallpaper accents smoothness of cabinets

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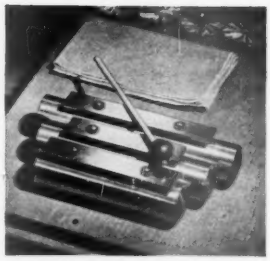

Sweet music of chimes may call your family to meals or to the telephone. *Chimette's* satin brass tubes and tone bars play 3 different notes. The musical tones are gentle to the ear, but carry effectively. *Chimette* is 8¾" long; with a plastic striker, $5.95, in stores only. Nu-Tone, Inc., Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Illinois.

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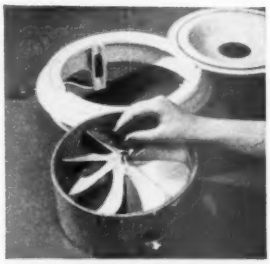

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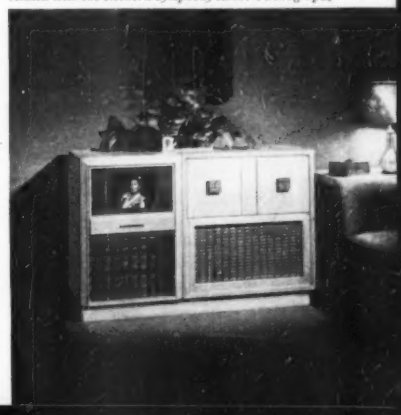

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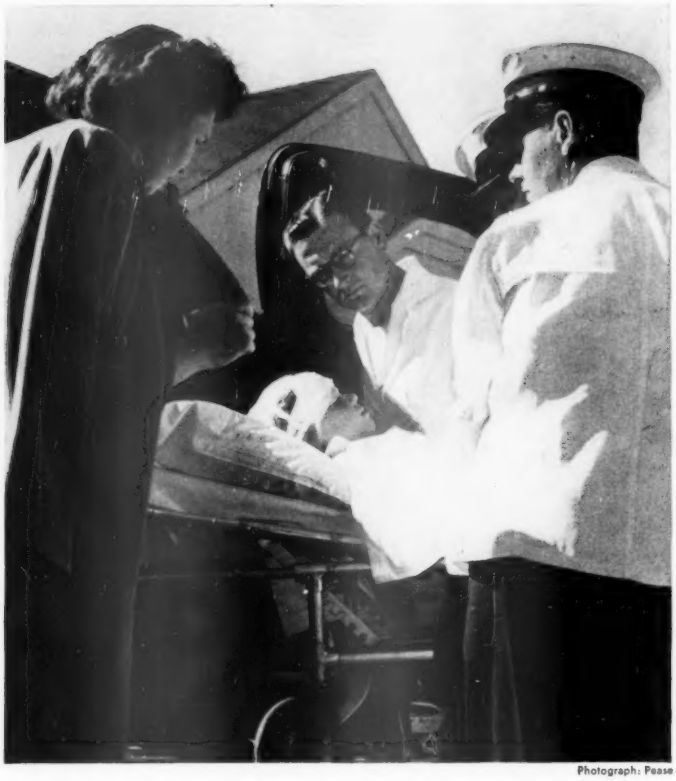

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Safe at home— that's what you think!

By Harry B. Logan, Jr.

Half of the fatal accidents to children occur under their own roofs, in their own yards. And the sobering fact is most are due to adult carelessness

THE ambulance driver eased the broken body of 3-year-old Jeanie into the ambulance, then turned to the policeman who was called when Jeanie fell off the roof of her home.

"I've seen a lot of accidents," he said, "and they don't bother me much any more. But when I see these kids all busted up because someone didn't look out for them—I get plain, sick mad!"

The sight of an injured child, regardless of what caused the accident, leaves anyone infuriated with his helplessness. There is so little you can do to ease the pain of a BB-punctured eye, the agony of a mangled arm.

The shame of it all is that such accidents are so easily avoided.

Accidents—not disease—are the most ruthless killers of children 1 to 14 years old in America today. Accidents take more lives than the six most important diseases *including* heart disease, pneumonia, and tuberculosis. Last year approximately 11,000 boys and girls in the 1-to-14 age group died as the result of accidents. Nearly half of the accidents were in the home. In addition, the lives of 3,000 infants under 1 year were snuffed out by accidents—four-fifths of the accidents in the home.

YOU can't stop with death alone in computing the toll. Thousands of children are permanently crippled each year, and tens of thousands temporarily disabled.

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It is tragic that we give millions to whip disease, so little to safeguard our homes. It is a heartbreaking contradiction when we rush children to pediatricians for diphtheria inoculations, yet leave loaded guns in our homes. We are practicing negligent homicide each time we put paper-wrapped candy out of our children's way, and leave paper-wrapped gopher poison on the garage bench.

While Johnny's mother was phoning, his finger was caught in a swinging door; the doctor [*Turn to page 142*

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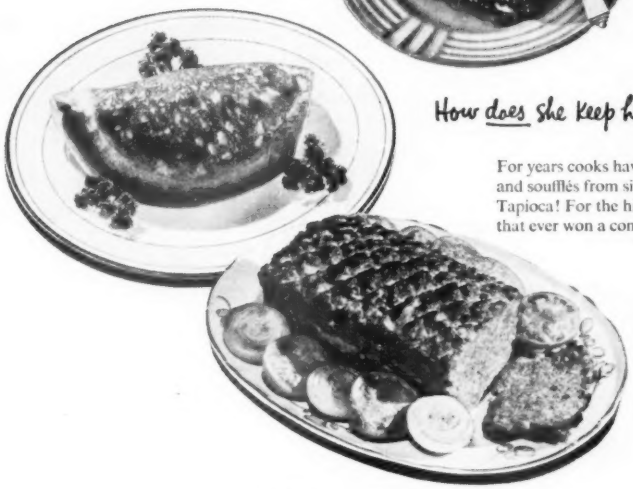

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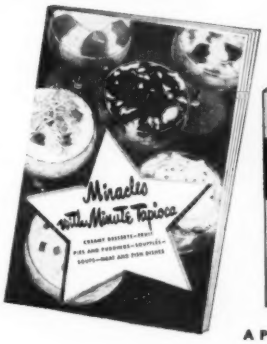

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tried his best to save it. Elsewhere, at about the same time, another boy named Richard found an "unloaded" shotgun; it blew off his hand. And a girl named Margie pushed the hot-water kettle off the stove. It will take years of plastic surgery to restore her scalded face. And more dangerous by far than these accidents is the terrible psychological impact of a disability on a child.

ACCIDENTS don't just happen. They have to be invited to happen. Carelessness is the engraved bid to misery and death.

How can you prevent accidents? The National Safety Council has made a study of them. The council can predict accurately how and where accidents will happen. The council can indicate the dangerous home areas and the hazardous objects that will be involved. It can prophesy the number of children who will die or be crippled this year, list the parts of their bodies most likely to be damaged. This is what the safety council knows:

The yard is the most dangerous area of a home. The yard, the kitchen, and the stairs account for more than 50 percent of the home injuries to children.

What objects will be involved? The most likely: tools and sharp instruments, furnishings and equipment, utensils, slippery surfaces, heating units, laundry equipment and materials, toys and play equipment.

THE conclusion to be drawn from these statistics is pointed. If our yards were clean and safe, our kitchens free of poisonous materials and dangerous equipment, our tools and knives put away, tens of thousands of children would not be injured annually, hundreds more would not die.

In spite of this knowledge, why are children each day crippled and murdered by apparently insignificant hazards at home? Let observers in Los Angeles tell you. This sprawling Western city with its rapidly increasing population, its congestion, is a concentrated version of what is going on elsewhere. Dr. John Lyttle, Medical Director of Children's Hospital, reports, "Since we've been making a monthly check of accident causes, we've been utterly astounded at the preventable home accidents. The cause? Outright carelessness and thoughtless parents! Poor and inadequate supervision!"

TOO often, tombstones are not memorials to children, but monuments to adult stupidity.

Susan went into the bedroom to cut out paper dolls while her mother finished wiping the dishes. Susan climbed on the bed, fell, and the scissors pierced her throat. While George's mother was talking with a neighbor, he tied on his skates and clumped down the back stairs. Halfway down he slipped, fractured his pelvis. As Doctor Lyttle points out, "Parents often

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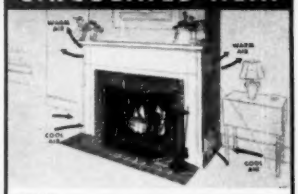

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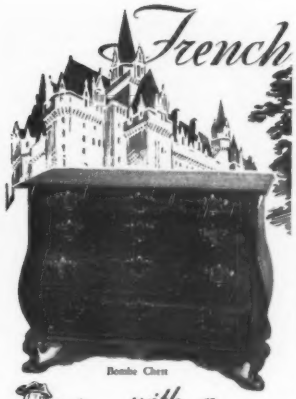

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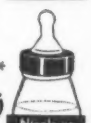

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aren't aware of their thoughtlessness. They hold a child's hand when crossing such obvious hazards as a busy street. But they think a child is safe at home. Nothing could be more untrue. Most accidents to children occur during moments of parental inattention."

What exactly can you as a parent do about safeguarding your children without pampering them? The staff of the Children's Hospital offers this formula: "Common sense and good housekeeping! These are the best two accident preventives. Learn to think in terms of your children and their safety. A safety-minded parent will nearly always produce a safety-minded child."

ALTHO most authorities dislike to make hard and fast rules, home accidents involving children break down sharply into six categories, each with well-defined causes and cures. Here are the gravest home risks. Check yourself, your home, and your children against them. Repair immediately any laxness you may uncover. Don't remain a speculator in children's lives. Remember, out of every 100 home accidents, 99 are preventable.

Burns

Burns are the greatest single home-accident killer of children. They take 30 percent of those under 5 years who die in such accidents; 40 percent of those between 5 and 14. There are no figures to indicate the scarred and tortured —but they amount to a ghastly total.

Matches and fires are not the only cause. Three-year-old Ronnie was left in the bathtub while his mother answered the doorbell. Ronnie wanted more water and reached for the tap—the hot-water tap. By the time his mother heard his screams, it was too late. Ronnie died of third degree burns and shock. This can happen to you; it does happen daily. Stay with your child, or wrap him in a towel and take him with you. A towel is repairable, a child's life isn't.

Keep matches out of reach. Discourage children from playing near bonfires unless an adult is present. Screen your hearths and radiators. Joan's left hand is just a blob of scar tissue because she leaned against a steam radiator. Place electric toasters and coffeepots well back on kitchen sinks. Turn the handles of saucepans inward, away from the edges of stoves. Don't leave tubs of hot scrubbing water on the floor when you aren't near. Don't let small children carry hot kettles.

Suffocation

Mechanical suffocation, particularly during infancy, is the second greatest crime against children by thoughtless parents. It accounts for one-fourth of the home-accident deaths of children under 5. More babies were suffocated last year than died from polio.

Strangling is an all too common cause of infant mortality. Poorly arranged bed clothes become nooses. Baby bathtub straps and high-chair harnesses extract their monthly roster of victims. Cribs

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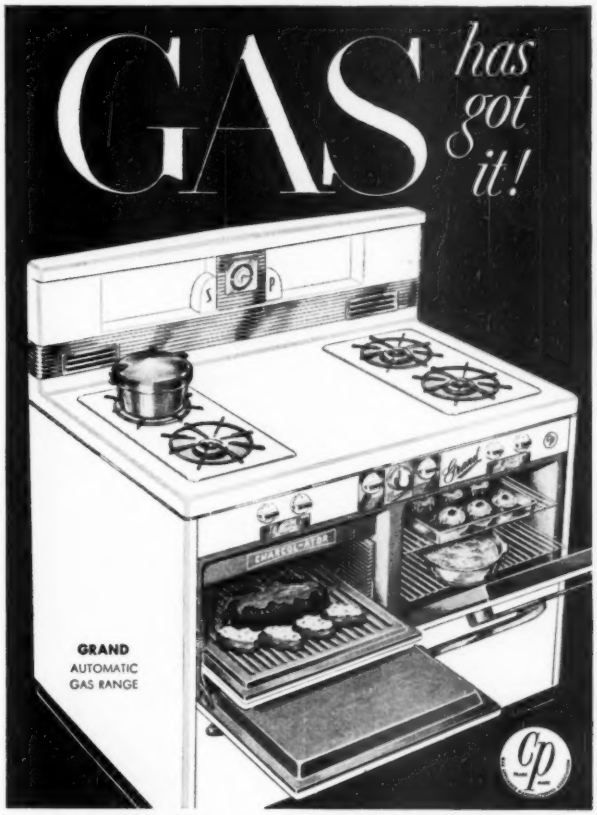

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—Ethel Jacobson

Safe at home?

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with slats too far apart are invitations to death.

Food can be inhaled—and frequently is. Two-year-old Jennie was munching on a peanut when her mother tickled her. Jennie gasped, choked, turned sickeningly red. Doctors tried to remove the peanut from Jennie's lung, but it crumbled (as often happens). Pneumonia promptly set in and only heroic treatment saved Jennie. Don't make crying children eat; don't make eating children laugh.

Poisoning

Poisons are a sad and harrowing story to many parents. Carelessly stored ant paste is one—but not the only—offender. Curiosity is a major impulse in children, and adult carelessness affords the most opportunities. Together, curiosity and opportunity last year sent nearly 600 children into comas from which they never awakened, or into convulsions from which death was the only escape.

Why do parents keep lye, soda crystals, kerosene, cleaning fluids, disinfectants, and polish under the kitchen sink? As long as there are children in the world, as long as poisons are placed under sinks, death will hide in the kitchen. If you must keep poisons in the house, store them out of the reach of children.

There are other household and garden objects not usually considered poisonous—but deadly just the same. Wax crayons made with para-red coloring. The black, inviting berries of belladonna (nightshade). The leaves of oleanders. Not so well known are the bitter, raw fruit of olives and the bulbs of some lilies. Teach children to recognize these plants or get rid of them in your garden.

Guns

Firearms are a constant source of danger. Children from 5 to 14 are intrigued by guns. They like the noise, the excitement, the feeling of being grown-up. And, all too often, loaded guns are left where the children can play with them. As a result, 18 percent of the children between 5 and 14 who die in home accidents do so from gunshot wounds.

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ger is not their interest in guns as such. Many of them don't know what a gun is or what it can do. But they are naturally curious and will touch anything they find. Sarah opened her father's closet, climbed to a shelf and touched a Mauser pistol placed there. It went off, the backward recoil of the pistol breaking Sarah's jaw.

Loose cartridges, too, are perilous. Greg hit a cartridge with a hammer. It blew up in his face, leaving his skin permanently pockmarked.

Only parents can safeguard children from firearms. They alone can make absolutely certain that cartridges are removed from the breech; that weapons are kept out of the reach of children playing cowboys.

Falls

Oddly enough, falls kill fewer children than adults in home accidents; less than 10 percent of the children, but more than 60 percent of the older folks. Altho, more often than not, falls do not end in death, they frequently cause the most serious injuries. It's not the fall, but the objects children fall *on* or the things they clutch that do the damage. David tripped on a sprinkler head in the lawn; his leg was crushed under him. Stuart clutched a stick as he slipped while clambering over a small fence; the stick went thru his cheek.

Then there are the babies who fall from chairs and tables. The youngsters pushed off scooters and bicycles. The slippery rugs, rickety steps, broken concrete walks—and a thousand other repairable menaces about the home.

Supervision and training, again, are the only cures. Watch your children as they play, explain dangers to them. Train them early to carry tools correctly, point down. Teach them consideration for other children riding scooters. Build orderly habits so that toys aren't left near stairs. Train yourself as well. Rubberize loose rugs, scatter sand over icy walks, put ladders in the garage. Remember, in the long run, it is only your own habits that stand between well and happy children or misery and sudden death.

THERE are other accident categories, other causes of death inherent in every home. But those listed here are the major ones. Together, they are responsible for more than 70 percent of all home accidents involving children which result in death.

Why do they happen?

". . . outright carelessness and unperceptive parents!" is the report of the medical director of the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

That is the formula for infant mayhem—true in one degree or another of every city, town, village, and home in America. Home accidents have risen to a point where they indicate a national breakdown in child-parent relationship. Gruesome statistics haven't seemed to curb the rate. Perhaps a close-up view of a crushed arm, a broken chest, a scalded face will. But—can you afford to wait until the ambulance comes?

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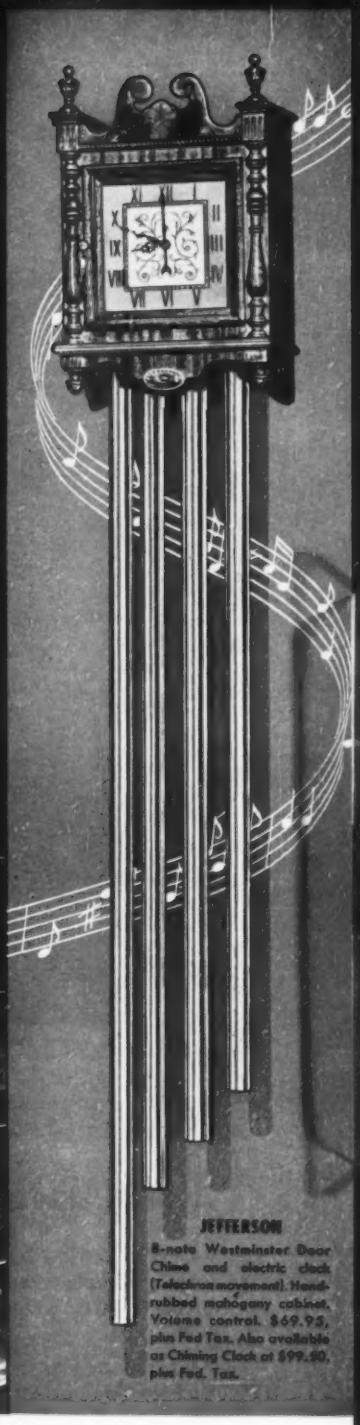

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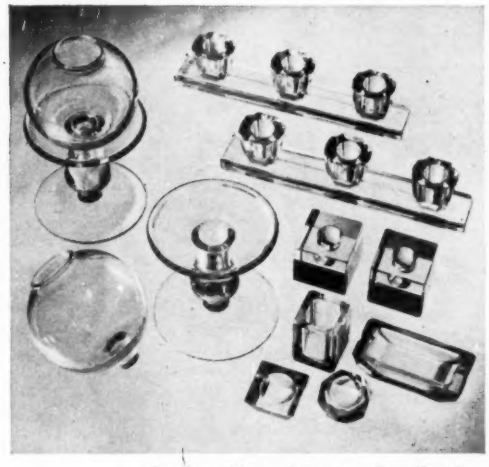

Ivy vases with pegs fit into crystal candlesticks—or take the vase out and use the candlestick alone. Three-light candelabra; square block candlesticks; oblong ash tray and cigarette holder, and round or square salt dips. Each of these unusual gifts is priced at $3 or less

Sturdy modern crystal

Practical crystal serving dishes she'll use every day: sturdy octagonal bud vase, sugar and creamer; covered cheese service with block; double mayonnaise set with ladles, egg cup, 8-inch plate; wheelbarrow for flowers or candy

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Magnificent flower vases 14 inches high were styled by Pipsan Swanson, famous Finnish designer, for peonies, hydrangeas, lilacs; that unusual free form low bowl will hold both flowers and candles

Flowing-form rectangular bowl will be handy for your flowers or fish; four-compartment serving dish for assorted sweetmeats and nuts; heavy ash trays come in square, triangle, or circle shapes

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Open this . . . open that . . . doors, windows, drawers—dozens of times a day, thousands of times a year.

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Gifts she'll use every day

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Crystal with modern lines

Bubble-thin beverage set comes from one of Holland's most famous old glass factories, yet it's priced to fit a medium budget. You'll find the set of six glasses and two-quart pitcher in clear crystal or steel blue

Raspberry-colored glass accessories will give her table a year-round lift: covered candy dish; fluted "bubble ball" vase; finger bowl; coupette for fruit, sherbet, or fish cocktail with sauce; and beverage glasses

Gold-band decoration makes these crystal gifts look elegant. Small and large jam jars with spoons; jugs that hold 16, 16½, and 1½ ounces; creamer and sugar hold 5½ ounces. Each item is priced under $2.50

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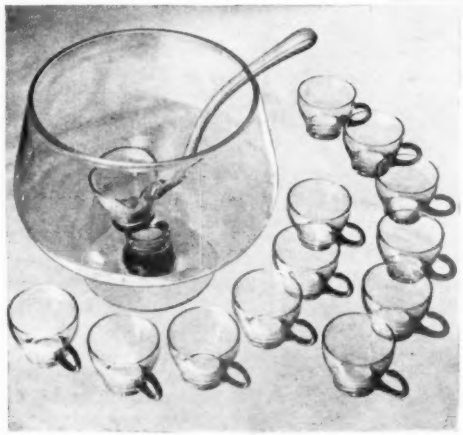

Cranberry glass gets a really modern slant. This 2⅓-gallon crystal punch bowl is set on a cranberry ball base. The ladle and 12 matching crystal cups have cranberry glass handles large enough for easy holding

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The wonderful gift of Time

Another Christmas—and what pulse won't quicken as the day draws near? . . . To give this special day a very special meaning, there is no gift like the gift of time—a watch, symbol of the time that's gone before and the time together that's to come, echoing "Merry Christmas" through the year.

For a gift to cherish—none is more perfect than a watch. Your jeweler has a wide choice to show you, achievements of the skill of free craftsmen—of America and Switzerland—oldest democracies on two continents.

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1. Many new styles now available, shock-resistant and water-resistant watches, automatic self-winding watches, calendar watches, chronographs and other innovations from Switzerland.

2. All watches should be wound gently and regularly, and cleaned by your jeweler once a year. Even the most accurate watch (and leading accuracy awards are held by a 17-jewel Swiss movement) may vary a few seconds a week, depending on the wearer and the weather.

3. No matter what the make of your watch, it can be serviced economically and promptly, thanks to the efficiency of the modern jeweler.

For the gifts you'll give with pride—let your jeweler be your guide

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Best bet:

Mozart: Concerto in D. Jascha Heifetz, violin, with Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Six sides. (RCA Victor)

The issue of the year for those, like myself, who rate an unsurpassable performance of a Mozart masterpiece superior to anything else. It recalls the high art of Heifetz's early days plus a sentiment he has rarely matched.

Also recommended:

Handel: Hallelujah Chorus and Pastoral Symphony (Messiah). The Luton Choir and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. Two sides. (RCA Victor)

English choral art at its best in an extract from the recent complete version of *Messiah*, welcome for giving or personal enjoyment.

Wagner: Wotan's Farewell and Magic Fire Music. Leopold Stokowski and the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Four sides. (Columbia)

A reissue at full length of a famous Stokowski specialty. Remarkably peaceful mood at the end, where most conductors forget what music is all about.

Chopin: Preludes, Opus 28. Artur Rubinstein, piano. Eight sides. (RCA Victor)

A suitable successor to Rubinstein's complete recordings of the mazurkas, polonaises, and scherzi of Chopin.

Light

Best bet:

Strauss: Blue Danube, Acceleration, and Roses From the South Waltzes. Josef Krips conducting the New Symphony Orchestra. Six sides. (London)

Freshly minted Strauss, crisp and clean as a new dollar bill. All the waltzes are complete. Krips has taught a miscellaneous group of English players to play these waltzes with the stride and bounce, the lilt and deftness of the finest Viennese ensemble. Krips' illumination of the music is helped by Full Frequency Range Recording.

Also recommended:

Lecoq: La Fille de Mme. Angot. Efrem Kurtz conducting the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Four sides. (Columbia)

Virtually unknown by the present generation, Lecoq's brightly Offenbachish tunes and jaunty orchestration are well worth Kurtz's unartificial respiration.

The Royal Choral Society: Christmas Music, conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent. Eight sides. (London)

Adeste Fideles, While Shepherds Watched, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, and other traditional favorites sung with majestic effect.

Rose, Romberg: Serenades. David Rose and his orchestra. Eight 10-inch sides. (MG)

An omnibus of serenades from the familiar *Student Prince* item, thru *Penny Serenade, Sunrise Serenade*, and *Penthouse Serenade* to Rose's own *Serenade to a Lemonade*.

By Irving Kolodin

December

Children

Best bet:

Crampton-Wilder: Tootle. Ireene Wicker, soprano, and Alec Wilder, baritone, with orchestra conducted by Mitchell Miller. Two 6-inch sides. (Simon and Schuster)

With the introduction of these Little Golden Records, even the smallest member of the family can have his own collection. On 6-inch nonbreakable plastic, the series features engaging stories, set to lively music excellently performed and reproduced. The playing span of a minute and a half is, by test, about the limit of preschool concentration. *Tootle* is a tale of an engine that has trouble staying on the track. It is paired (as are several others in the series) with a brief musical work by a famous composer: in this case, a capsule version of Grieg's *Norwegian Dance*, ably played.

Also recommended:

Templeton: Christopher Robin. Sung and played by Alec Templeton. Six 10-inch sides. (RCA Victor)

Milne verses, delivered with gusto and charm by the entertaining Mr. Templeton.

Dickins: Tale of Two Cities. Ronald Colman, narrator. Six sides. (Decca)

A welcome addition to the spoken Dickens, well spoken by Colman and company. If you like Colman's version of *A Christmas Carol*, you'll like his *Tale of Two Cities*.

Phonograph forum

If you were asked to recommend one, and only one, Christmas album as a gift for a child of 10, what would your choice be?—J. H., New York City.

My choice would have to be *The Small One*, adapted from the celebrated book, with Bing Crosby as narrator. It is a human, well-imagined story, told by Crosby with ease, naturalness, and that quality of magnetism which holds a child's interest.

Altho my phonograph is squarely centered, and the motor itself is quite new, I am troubled from time to time with irritating fluctuations in pitch. Can you suggest the trouble?—A. F., San Francisco.

Assuming that your records are not warped, or the center hole a little off, it could be the wheel which drives the turntable which is causing trouble. This is about the size of a half dollar, and fits against the underside of the turntable. If it is not revolving truly, neither will your turntable. A serviceman can substitute a new part for a small charge.

I have a small appropriation to buy albums for a high-school music library. Can you suggest four or five that are new, well recorded, and likely to interest a varied group?—M. M., Washington, D. C.

My selections would include the following: *Von Suppe Overtures* on the London label (four records); *An American in Paris*, in the new Bernstein version (RCA Victor, two records); Tschaikovsky waltzes for two pianos, played by Vronsky and Babin (Columbia); and *Songs of the Auvergne*, sung by Madeleine Grey (Columbia). These are all first-class performances of immediately appealing material.

Phonograph facts

Many people are unaware of the extensive catalog of recorded folksongs and other Americana which the Library of Congress has for sale. A post card to the Library will bring you a listing of the several different collections.

A combination hassock and record case is an article of furniture numerous collectors have found useful. Construction and prices vary, but they can be obtained in a variety of colors, to match your scheme of decorations. You'll find that it absorbs a considerable quantity of single records, without adding an extra cabinet to living room, den, or library.

Some users of long-playing records have noted a wiry brilliance in high passages on some of the discs. This is a fault of overloading the original processing, and can be counteracted by turning down the tone control, if there is only one, or the treble, if you have two. You'll not be loosing highs; plenty will still come thru.

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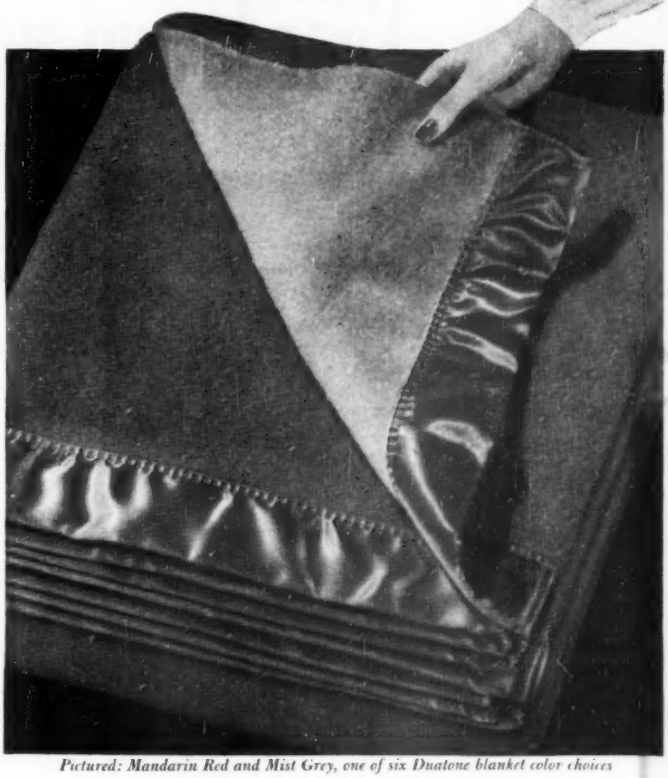

Pictured: Mandarin Red and Mist Grey, one of six Duatone blanket color choices

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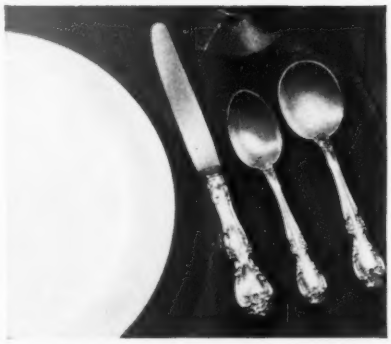
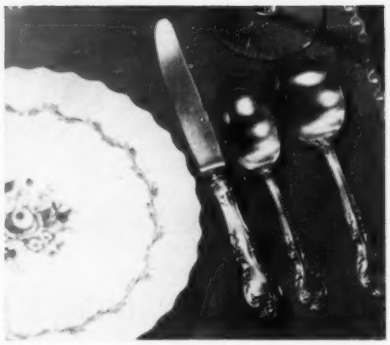
Four brand-new silver patterns

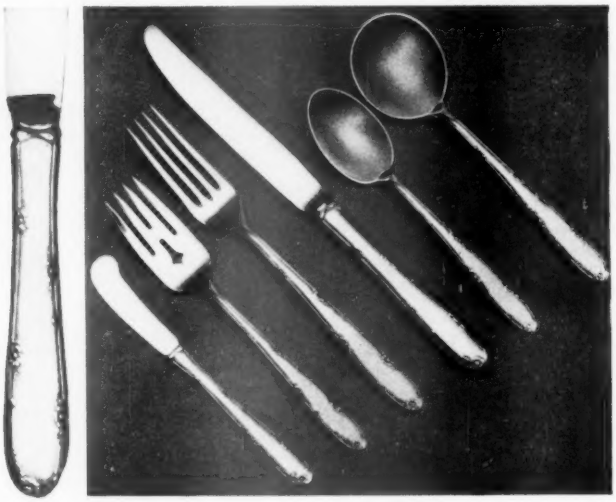
By Miriam Hopkins





You'll find you can use any of these four new sterling patterns with either traditional or modern place settings

WHAT are your standards for choosing a silver pattern: shape? design? balance? craftsmanship? Here are four new patterns that will rate high on all counts. These were the popular winners in polls that the silver manufacturers made thruout the country to learn—before the patterns were released—which patterns you'd want. Hundreds of businesswomen, college girls, clubwomen, and homemakers on a wide range of budgets ranked these four patterns top favorites.



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Madeira is modern

Streamlined handle shaping reflects Madeira's modern spirit, but the finely chased floral edging tempers that modernness with an almost traditional grace. The softly rounded contours of the handles taper delicately to the oval tip

Silver Plume is sophisticated

Sweeping fluted handle spells sophisticated elegance and gives the new Silver Plume sterling pattern a truly distinguished air. The joining of the handles with the tines, bowls, and blades is marked by a stunning modern floral motif

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. . . *and all through the house*

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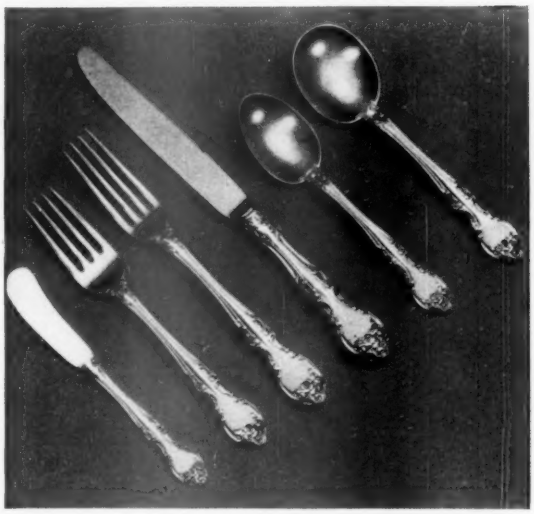
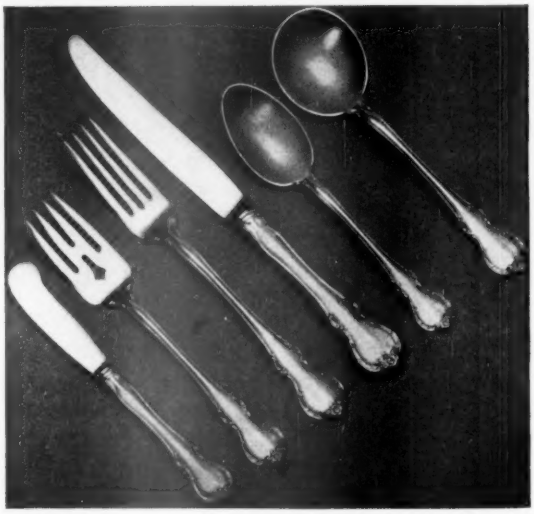


Melrose is elegant

Classical flower designs and scroll patterns are blended in Melrose with all the elegance of beautiful old rosewood carving. As the place settings on page 152 show, Melrose mixes easily with both modern and traditional table service



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We built a log cabin

AFTER moving four times the first two years Eddard (as I call him) and I were married, we were convinced we had to have a place of our own. But buying a home or having one built looked impossible on a country schoolteacher's salary.

So we solved our housing problem the way the early settlers here at Beaver Dams, New York, did—by building a log cabin.

Eddard and a girl helper felled the trees; I drove the tractor that hauled them to our homesite, three miles away. We worked after school and on weekends, peeling the logs and treating them with creosote stain.

On New Year's day Eddard rolled on the first log for the walls, and he spent the spring fitting and notching corners.

When the summer vacation came, we devoted all our time to the cabin. A shingling bee organized by neighbors took care of the roof, letting us move in by September 1.

We started the chinking next, to keep out the weather. The rest of the fall we worked on the kitchen and bedroom.

The following summer inlaid linoleum went on the living-room floor, and knotty pine was shaped into partitions and cupboards.

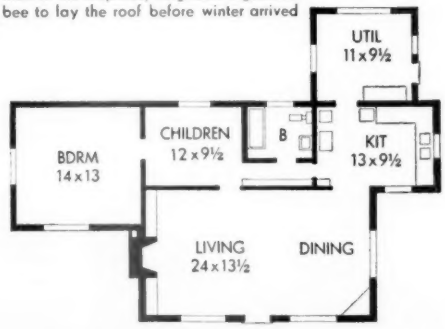
It's been about eight years since we started—and we're still making plans and improvements. Eddard built a stone wing when Linda Mary was born, and added a utility room. Our current plan is for a stone terrace with an awning.

To those who have asked "Do you think we could build one?" we answer "Yes"—if they're willing to take the time and do a lot of hard work.

Oh, yes—Eddard isn't teaching any more. He's building houses!

Photographs: Top Hat Studio

We took a tip from the early settlers, when we were faced with a housing problem. The ash logs were cut three miles away and hauled to our homesite. A minister did most of the fireplace; neighbors organized a shingling bee to lay the roof before winter arrived



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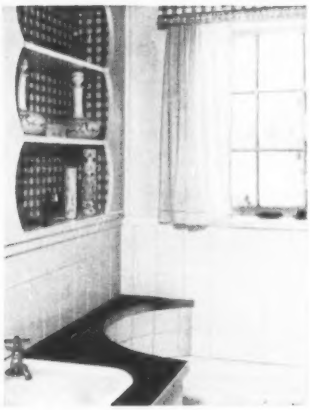
By Mrs. C. Edward Coon

Selected for good color, fireplace stones were picked up along the highway, from creek beds and quarries; cobblestones were split open and used in its face. False cupboard at right of fireplace acts as a run for hot air to bedroom. Note storage space under bunk at the left

As in rest of house, partitions and cupboards in kitchen are of knotty pine. Cooky cutters are used as drawer pulls, spice jars once contained paste. Scalloping on cornice board over windows is repeated in trim



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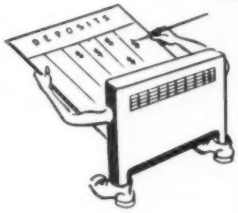

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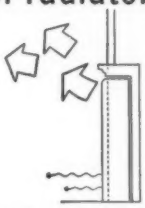

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Building our house was strictly a family affair

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By Dick Norman

THE day the lumber arrived, my brother Jerry and I climbed to the top of the pile, and drew the plans for the house. This is not the procedure recommended by architects and builders, but we were amateurs, and could make our own rules. Besides, we had no time for elaborate sketches and long discussions. The house Mother and Dad were living in had been sold, and we had just three months in which to provide them with another place to live.

Jerry is a graduate engineer, I had had two years college training in architecture, and as high- [*Turn to page 160*

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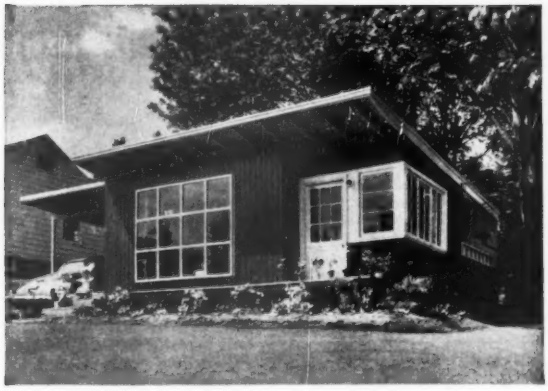

We planned this home for our parents with building speed the main goal, but simple lines and the pitched roof with its wide overhang make the home attractive as well. Carport keeps house from looking square

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school students we had spent our spare time building and remodeling the garage, the back porch, and other such projects. Jerry was a good carpenter—we were positive of that—and I was pretty optimistic about my designing ability. We had doubts as to our ability as plasterers, paper hangers, and bricklayers, tho, and plumbing and wiring we frankly left to experts.

SO WE sat on the lumber we had hastily ordered (not half enough, we found out later) and drew our plans. We based our decisions on two major considerations: Both time and money were limited; hence we wanted to make the house just as small as possible, still allowing room enough for two people to live in comfort. And we wanted to use woodwork thruout the house, because we could handle it ourselves. By eliminating plastering, papering, and masonry, we would not have to call in outside help, thereby saving on the cost of labor, as well as avoiding the inevitable delays in construction. Fortunately, we had a lot big enough for a small house of almost any design.

We kept all specifications to standard sizes of lumber, to save material and time in measuring and cutting. Since 12 feet was the maximum span the joists would

Single bedroom is just large enough for double bed, twin night stands, and dresser. High strip windows give added wall space and privacy at the same time. One wall and ceiling are covered with wallboard; other wall is tongue-and-groove siding, sanded and waxed to a natural finish

Front door opens from porch into dining area. Low bookshelves separate dining and living area, act as buffer against cold air when door is open

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carry and still comply with the building code, we fixed the depth of the house at 24 feet. We set the width at 23 feet. These dimensions give 540 square feet of interior space, divided into living room and dining area, bedroom, kitchen, and bath. Walls are 8 feet high in the rear, rising to 10 feet in front to support a sloping roof with an overhang—a desirable feature in the rainy Oregon climate.

THE main partition between the rooms was to run straight thru the center of the house, serving as support for the roof. In the front half of the house we put the living and dining area; the other half we divided between the kitchen and bedroom, with the smallest possible bathroom between. By placing the bathroom between the kitchen and bedroom, we could put all the plumbing in one wall, and could use the remaining inner wall space for closets and storage.

This central partition changed somewhat between plan and construction. Jerry and I wanted to make the interior of the house as open as possible to give a feel of more space. We planned to use a half partition between the kitchen and dining area, and make the bedroom an alcove off the living room. However, Mother objected to this arrangement—she wanted the bedroom shut off from the living room. We compromised on a temporary partition, which we can remove at any time.

IN ORDER to save time, and the masonry work we didn't like, we decided not to build a foundation, but to set the house on piers, with an apron around the base. We offered as justification the hope that we could move the house to the beach at some later date, and build a larger house for Mother and Dad.

We achieved another big saving by single construction. Ceiling joists hold up both the roof and the finished ceiling. We used fir for walls, both exterior and interior, because it was the cheapest wood we could get at the time. Outside, we finished the rustic siding with a brown stain and white trim. Inside, we sanded and waxed the walls to a natural finish. Hemlock wasn't much more expensive than fir, and we thought it took a better finish, so we used that on the floors. We put tar paper on the roof because it was quick, easy, and economical.

JERRY and I take all the credit for the house, but the building was really a family affair. Dad worked on it Saturdays and Sundays, Bud, a brother-in-law, helped a good deal, and Mother was often there with practical suggestions. Some-

Door between bathroom and bedroom slides into wall behind open shelves for linens. Wardrobe fills bedroom wall space at right of door

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times one of us worked alone, sometimes there were two of us, now and then all five. We put up the frame, built the floor, and then built a wall at a time on the ground, raising it in place when it was finished. For some reason, each time we were ready to raise a wall and join the corners there were only two of us working, and we could not get our lines true. It is a family secret that no two walls in the house are plumb!

At the beginning of the project, the question of heating arose. Oil burners were not available, there was no gas piped into that vicinity, and we didn't want to build a fireplace. We decided, therefore, to insulate the house fully, put in plenty of outlets for portable electric heaters, and trust to the large living-room window for solar heat.

This window was our substitute for a fireplace from the decorative as well as heating angle. We felt

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Pullman-type kitchen has electric range and work counter along outside wall, with row of glass blocks for extra light. Sink and washing machine are on inner wall, back of bathroom, so all plumbing is in one area. Half partition with shelves separates kitchen and dining area

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As to cost, we estimate it at $2,200, which includes materials, and the outside labor we hired to install plumbing and wiring. We were pleased when we found we had kept expenses so low, since we were concentrating more on speed than economy, and could not take time to shop for bargains.

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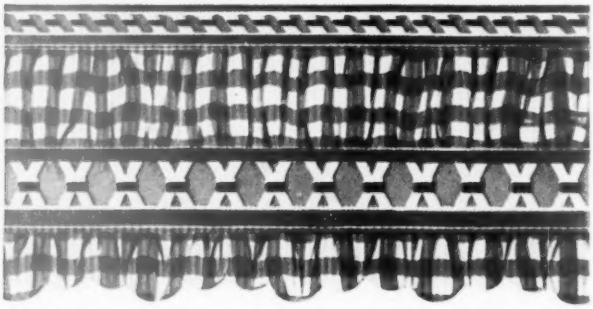

Pattern illustrated above "GINGHAM RUFFLE" Pattern illustrated below "TULIP ROW"

Personality in your mantel

By Martha B. Darbyshire

YOUR fireplace speaks for itself and for you. It's the attention center of your room; so make the most of it. Let your mantel shelf have a personality of its own; use it to show off prized antiques and pictures, to reflect your hobbies and special interests, or to play up the natural beauty of a really handsome fireplace. Avoid that impersonal appearance that an uninteresting clock flanked by ordinary candlesticks can give. Don't let the mantel be the resting place for Dad's pipe, Mum's glasses, Sister's gloves, and Brother's yo-yo. There are only two rules. First, keep the arrangement in good balance, whether formal or informal. Second, if your mantel is high, use low objects to decorate it; if the shelf is low, use high accessories. Here are eight rooms whose mantels or fireplaces will suggest arrangements that can be adapted for use in your own rooms.

Photograph: Maynard L. Parker

Prized pewter is used in this mantel arrangement to give the whole room a distinctive personality (you might display silver or china). The many pieces on the shelf look uncluttered because the arrangement is completely balanced

George D. Haight

Balance solves difficulty of decorating this three-paneled fireplace. The two cup and saucer sets bind together the ivy, the quaint old pictures, and the clock, give unique Early American charm. Arthur R. Hutcheson, architect

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If the man of the house makes boats (or trains or planes) as his hobby, center one of his designs on the mantel shelf in your living room. Flank it with sturdy fishermen figures. Johnny Byers, architect; George C. Sagar & Sons, decorator

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Mantel shelves should keynote your interests. The Audubon bird and flower prints, the Toby jug and luster pitcher on the mantel tell anyone entering this living room that its owners collect Early American. Paul Granard, decorator

Fred R. Dapprich

Black hearth and mantel accent the white plaster walls and side shelves of this corner fireplace. In this instance, the extra height of the opening calls for a low decorative arrangement on the mantel shelf. Harold Grieve, decorator

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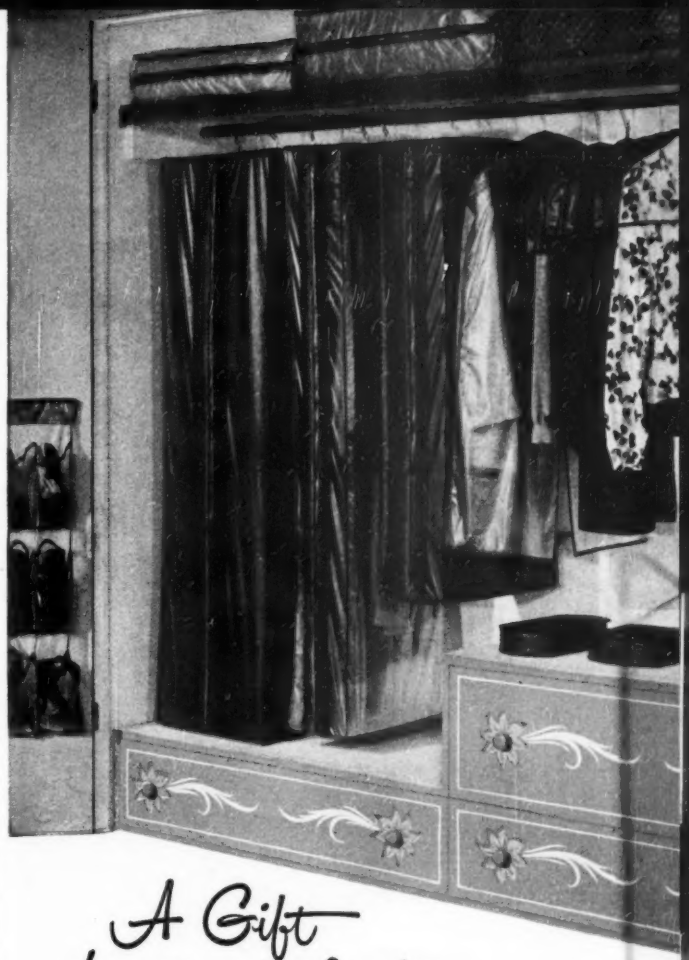

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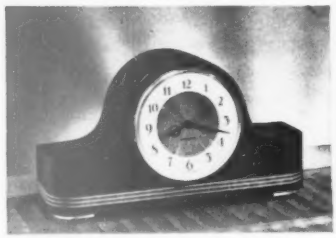

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Need more shelves?

By Richard R. Kyl

THE house with enough shelf storage space is rare. Simple shelves, planned and built for a specific use, can do a lot to solve the where-to-put-it problem in any home, yours included. And building shelves is one of the easiest projects anyone can undertake.

Usually you can build strong shelves most economically of 1-inch white pine lumber. It's worth the extra cost to buy finished lumber, clear of knots. If you want a back on your shelves, cut it from thin hardboard or plywood. If you omit the back, and shelves show signs of swaying, brace them with ½-inch wood strips placed diagonally across the back. You can nail a set of shelves together, but screws will increase the strength of the joints.

Here, and on pages that follow, are nine tested ideas for building shelves. Construction in each case is simple. You won't need power tools. Most of these shelves you can build with a hammer, saw, brace and bit, screwdriver, rule, and square. If craftsmanship just isn't up your alley, one set can be built without any tools at all.

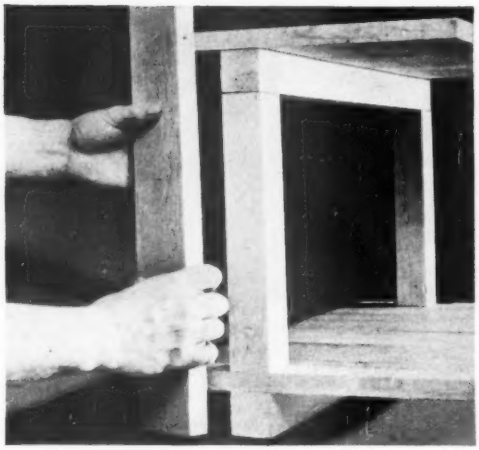
Stanley

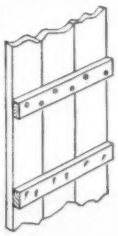
Basic shelf construction. Shelves butted tight against solid endpieces and screwed in place are easy to build. Here, stop washers are used to permit tightening of the screws without chewing into the wood.

If your lumber dealer doesn't sell lumber cut to your measurements, measure each piece accurately and make the saw cuts as square as you can. Mark the position of each shelf carefully so it will be exactly level. Tack shelves in place temporarily with a few small nails to hold them while you drill pilot holes and drive screws. In 1-inch lumber, screws 2¼ inches long spaced about every 4 inches will give sufficient strength.

Before you paint, round sharp edges slightly with fine sandpaper. Tho it isn't necessary, you can use a power saw to increase the strength of these shelves by cutting shallow grooves in the endpieces for shelves to slip into.

Here are seven ways you can solve your storage problems

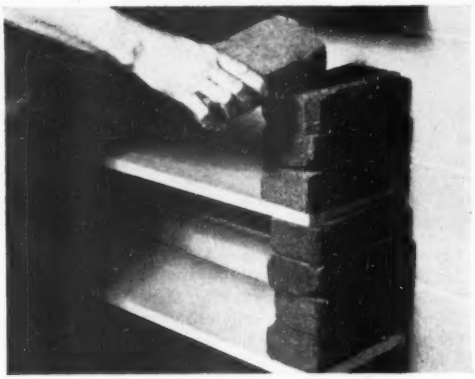




For a heavy load. A cleat placed under each shelf (sketch, right) gives added strength to wide, long shelves. If screws are used (top cleat, right) drive them from the inside. If nails are used, drive them from the outside and bend points across the grain (bottom).

Then, at 3-foot intervals, support shelves with inverted-U supports like the one in photograph. Build supports of 2x2 lumber, toenail to shelf below, and nail on shelf above. A facing board (in hands) improves looks.

To protect food in glass jars, hang a curtain of unbleached muslin across front of shelves. Space shelves far enough apart so you can see what is behind the front row.



For basement or garage. Even if you can't saw a straight line, you can build shelves. Boards supported on loose stacks of clean bricks make shelves that hold a lot of things in basement or garage. Three stacks of bricks hold shelves up to 8 feet long with a minimum of sagging.

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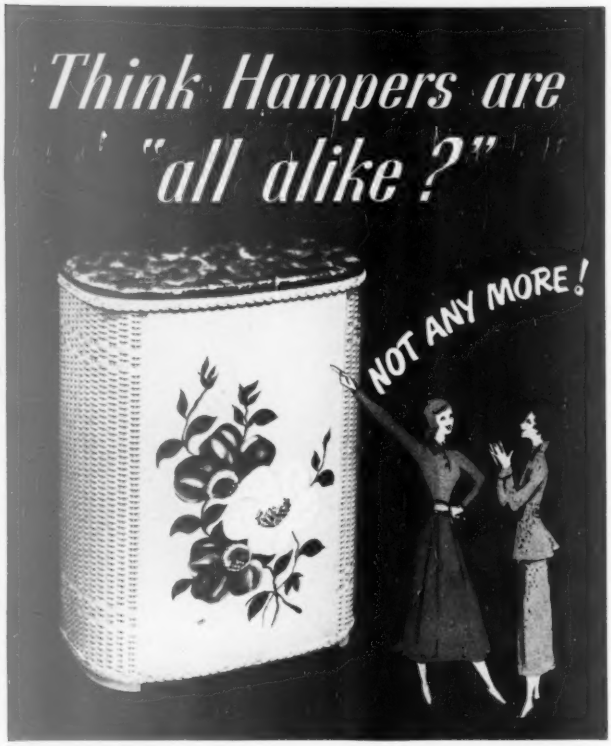

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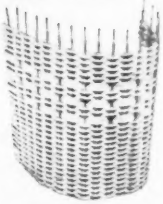

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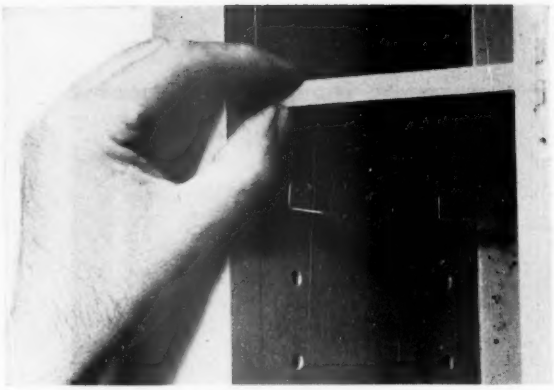
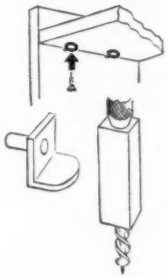
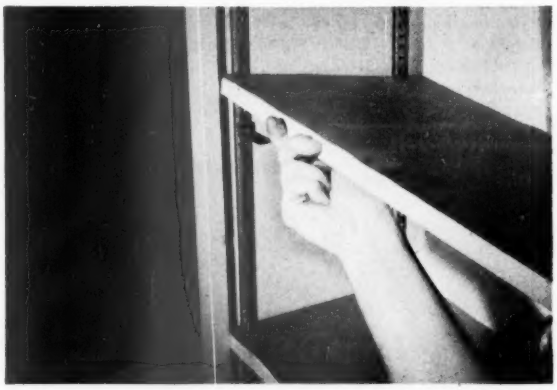




Adjustable shelves for light loads. Small metal clips with metal dowels attached (see sketch), available at hardware stores, can be used to make adjustable shelves. Buy the supports before you drill the holes; dowels vary in size, and a tight fit is essential. Measure carefully so shelves will be level.

To control the depth of the holes you drill, make a bit stop by boring thru a small stick lengthwise, then cutting it to length (see sketch). The weight of the shelf holds the supports in place. You can get the same effect by letting your shelf rest on pairs of screw eyes (see sketch) turned into the uprights.



Adjustable shelves for heavy loads. If the shelves must carry a lot of weight, books for example, you can make them adjustable with supporting metal strips and clips, known as pilaster strips, standard strips, or ratchet strips. For strength, hold strips in place with screws.

Be sure the holes in all strips line up exactly. Sometimes strips aren't cut accurately, or you might not want to start them at the bottom of the case. You can level them with a stick that has a slightly projecting nail at one end. Rest the stick on the bottom of the case, and put nail in corresponding hole in each successive strip to hold strip at the right height while you fasten it in place.

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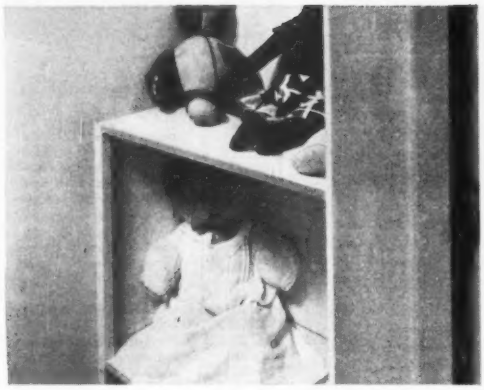
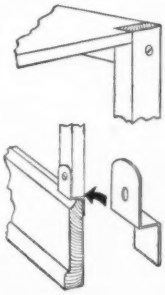
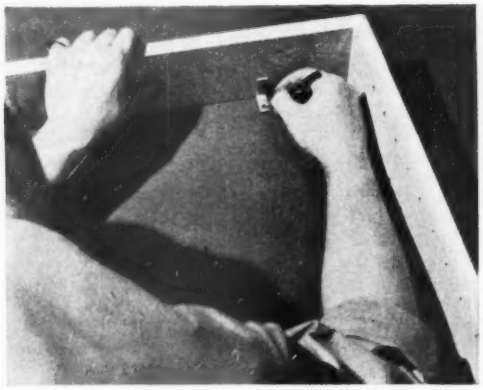


Temporary closet shelves. Sometimes you need closet shelves, but hesitate to mar plastered walls. Shelves pictured are not attached to the wall. Supports are held by notched corners (see sketch). Shelves are ½-inch pine, supports are 1-inch pine strips.

Shelves must be cut to extend exactly wall-to-wall. To make sure supports won't slip, hold them with small metal clips that can be slipped behind the baseboard (see sketch).

With heavier lumber, this technique can convert a clothes closet into a linen closet.





Knickknack shelves. Adjustable shelves for light loads can be fitted into a simple, boxlike frame. Attach the frame to the wall with L-shaped corner braces, driving 2-inch screws thru plaster and lath into wall studs.

Corner braces placed so the screw holes are 16 inches apart will match the wall studs found in most homes. Locate the studs first with sounding and exploratory drilling with a fine drill. Be sure all holes will be hidden by the frame holding the shelves.

Sometimes you can hang shelves like this in the space between a doorframe and a window frame, fastening the side pieces to the casings with screws.

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Directions for holiday decorations

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Evergreen in soap-flake boxes

Cover one topless soap-flake box with red crepe paper, the other with green. Fill the boxes with crumpled chicken wire or pliable shrubbery branches. Submerge spruce branches in a large pan or tub of water for a few hours, then arrange them in the boxes. Wire Christmas balls onto plain sticks and place the balls in the boxes at the angle shown in the picture on page 37. To make snow on spruce, beat one cup of soap flakes with two tablespoons of water until fluffy. Dab snow on branches with a medium-sized paintbrush.

Madonna centerpiece

Anchor a large potato to a 6-inch-square board with finishing nails. Both board and potato can be painted green so they won't show. Then stick small evergreen branches (we used hemlock clippings) into the potato. Put the longest branches in first to give the tree its height and width. Be sure the topmost branch is about 2½ times the height of your figure. Trim branches with birthday candles cut in half, if you like. Then place your figurine in front of the tree and scatter angel figurines and colored Christmas balls at its base.

Christmas bells

Cut three cardboard bells. Two measure 16 inches from top to bottom, 14 inches across the lower edge, and 7 inches across the top. The third, smaller bell is 13 inches from top to bottom, 11 inches across the lower edge, and 7 inches across the top.

Paste a wide strip of green felt, oilcloth, or plastic material across the lower edge of the bell. Then glue a thin layer of cotton batting over the bell an inch above this lining strip and an inch or so from the top and side edges.

Cut red bells the size of the cardboard bases and paste them around the sides and top of the bell, leaving the lower edge open. Trim the bells with strips of pinked felt.

Sew shining Christmas balls to the lining to form bell clappers. Arrange the bells as you wish, and sew or staple them together at the top. Sew on a bow of 5-inch strip of matching green material. Stitch or staple a narrow strip of material to the top for a hanger.

Christmas carol

Paste your favorite Christmas carol on a 23½x16-inch sheet of metallic wrapping paper, allowing 2½-inch margin at the bottom

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and sides and 1½ inches at the top. Cut the word Noel out of 3¼-inch-square blocks of the foil and stick the letters of the music at the angle shown. Fasten this entire sheet to your door with Scotch tape.

Tape three white snowflakes, pasted on metallic stars, in the upper left corner of the door just above the music, and one large flake in the lower right corner. Center greenery above the music.

Artificial trees

Cut an evergreen branch 16 inches long. Place it in a small flowerpot with stones around it. Pour a thin mortar made from equal parts of cement or patching plaster and sand over the stones. Shake the stones so the mortar runs down to the bottom of the pot. After it has hardened for an hour or so, put an inch of sandy soil over the cement so tree looks more natural.

Make a 5-inch ball of dampened spagnum moss (from the seed store or florist) around the top of the branch. Wrap a piece of mesh potato sack around the moss and tie it to the branch at the bottom of the ball. Then drive a tack in the top of the branch and run cords from the top of the tree over the moss to the base of the ball in several places to keep it from sagging.

Stick small evergreen clippings into the ball at the top and shape the tree as you work. Make your tree any size you want—from any kind of evergreen you have (we used blue spruce).

Trim the tree with artificial red berries, cranberries on toothpicks, tiny pine cones, or gilded fruit.

Pour water into the moss occasionally so it won't dry out. If you make the trees in advance, keep them in a cool place until use.

Where to get it

Most items shown in this issue should be available in your local stores. If, however, they are not, for your store's convenience in ordering, we list the names of the companies making the items.

Madonna Christmas settings

Page 12. Upper left Madonna: Van Dugteren, 5 East 57th Street, New York City.
Upper right Madonna: Better department stores.
Lower left Madonna: Gonder Ceramic Arts Inc., Zanesville, Ohio.
Lower right Madonna: Better department stores.
Page 14. Upper Madonna candle: Muench-Kreuzer Candle Company, Syracuse, New York.
Lower Madonna: Better department stores.

Pick a personal card for each friend

Page 18. Cards and frames available from: American Artists Group, Inc., 106 Seventh Avenue, New York City.
Page 20. Upper. Helen Royce Associates, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
Center. Helen Royce Associates, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
Lower. Edna Markoe, 37 East 28th Street, New York City.
Page 23. Upper. Violinist and elephant: Edna Markoe, 37 East 28th Street, New York City.
Choir boys: Alice Daly Studio, 3963 Allin Street, Long Beach, California.
Skaters and skiers: Helen Royce Associates, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
Lower. Helen Royce Associates, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Gifts she'll use every day

Page 29. Upper and center pictures. All items: Viking Glass Company, New Martinsville, West Virginia.
Lower. United States Glass Company, Tiffin, Ohio.
Page 30. Upper. Harlequin coffee spoons: Reed & Barton Silversmiths, Taunton, Massachusetts.
Center. Cake breaker: "Repousse" pattern, Samuel Kirk & Son, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland.
Other items: Frank M. Whiting Company, Meriden, Connecticut.
Lower. All items: Robeson Cutlery Company, Inc., Perry, New York.
Page 34. Upper. "Burress" potters pillow vases and salt and pepper: Bullock's, Pasadena, California.
"Yesbysmith" jumbo cup and ash tray: Bullock's, Pasadena, California.
Lower. Cigarette box and ash-tray nest: Bernad Creations, Yonkers, New York.
Plates: Kwangtung Import and Export Company, 912 West 7th Street, Los Angeles 14, California.
All other items: Little-Jones Company, Inc., 15 West 24th Street, New York City.
Page 147. Upper. Fostoria Glass Company, Moundsville, West Virginia.
Center. Imperial Glass Company, Bellaire, Ohio.
Sugar and creamer: Heisey Glass Company, Newark, Ohio.
All other items: Duncan & Miller Glass Company, Washington, Pennsylvania.
Page 148. Upper right. Leerdam steel-blue pitcher and tumblers: Georg Jensen, 667 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
All other items: West Virginia Glass Specialty Company, Weston, West Virginia.

Finds for flower arrangers

Page 32. Flower-picking can: Frances Martin, 7852 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri.
Flower cutters: Seymour Smith & Son, Inc., Oakville, Connecticut.
Center picture. Armor Bronze and Silver Company, Inc., Taunton, Massachusetts.
Lower picture. Roberta Henderson, 314 Sterrett Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

Are you up to date on house plants?

Page 40. Pottery plant box: The Haeger Potteries, Inc., Dundee, Illinois.
Table with plant well: Davidson, Ltd., Chicago 10, Illinois.

Smorgasbord

Page 60. "Winfield" dinner plates, potato salad bowl, twin-compartment dish, pitcher, and large round torte plate: American Ceramic Products, Inc., Santa Monica, California.
Wooden servers: The Zang Company, Inc., 1596 Merchandise Mart, Chicago.
Deviled-egg dish, salad-dressing bowl, and lingonberry dish: Duncan & Miller Glass Company, Washington, Pennsylvania.
Skol glasses: Dick Knox Displays, 678 South Lafayette Park Place, Los Angeles.
Cheese tray: Bellette, Merchandise Mart, Chicago.
Emkay candle: Muench-Kreuzer Candle Company, Syracuse, New York.
All other items: Finland Ceramics & Glass Corporation, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Four brand-new silver patterns

Page 152. "Melrose" pattern: The Gorham Company, Providence, Rhode Island.
"Madeira," "Silver Plumes," and "French Provincial" patterns: Towle Manufacturing Company, Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Smart ways to wrap gifts

Page 187 and page 189. Scotch tape: Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company, 900 Fauquier Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota.
All other packages: Chicago Printed String Company, 2300 Logan Boulevard, Chicago 47, Illinois.
Small snowman: Bell Industries, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.
Large snowman head: Your California Shopper, Box 66, Hollywood, California.

Gifts for your bedroom and bath

Page 56: Upper photograph. Sheets and cases: "Rhythm" pattern, Pacific Mills, 204 Church St., New York.
Blue and grey reversible blanket: North Star Woolen Mills Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
"Wild Marigold" blanket: Pearce Mfg. Co., Latrobe, Pennsylvania.
Forest green Wunda-Weve rug: Belrug Mills, Greenville, South Carolina.
Lower photograph. Brown Tumbletwist rug: Libertyville Textiles, Inc. Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois.
Peach sheets and cases: Pequot Mills, Empire State Bldg., New York.
Cedar blankets: Pepperell Mfg. Co., Boston, Massachusetts.
Striped Caravan blankets: Chatham Mfg. Co., 57 Worth St., New York City.

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By Russell K. Lowry

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The American Kennel Club lists 29 breeds as working dogs. Among them are Collies, German Shepherds, Doberman Pinschers, Boxers, Great Danes. Most of these have been bred thru the centuries as herders, guardians, and police dogs. They're all dependable, loyal companions. But any dog of any breed can be a good alarm clock and can be a good companion. Pick the pup you like, but be sure the pup likes you.

My nephew in Ohio, 500 miles away, wants a Cocker Spaniel puppy for Christmas. I'd like to send him one, but isn't this a long distance to ship a puppy?—R.E.C., New York.

Go ahead and send him. Five hundred miles is nothing but an overnight ride in a heated baggage car, under the watchful eye of a railway expressman. Crate the pup. Give him a deep bed of straw for warmth and comfort. If you want speedier transit, send the pup air express.

A friend's dog severely bit a child who was teasing the animal to distraction. Now the parents of the injured child threaten to sue the dog's owner. Hasn't the dog any legal rights in a matter, such as this, where he was obviously goaded into the act?—R.O.J., New Jersey.

Only a court of law can determine who was at fault, after examining all the witnesses and hearing all the evidence. Hence, we are not qualified to pass judgment. Interestingly enough, in all states except two, New Jersey and California, a dog is entitled to the first bite without officially being declared vicious. But on the second bite, he is legally a vicious animal. However, in most all communities, the dog owner is liable for all damage or injury committed by his pet when it's off his premises.

We have just received a puppy. He's so little and his coat is so thin that it's hard to imagine taking him out in cold weather for exercise. Yet, it doesn't sound right to keep a dog cooped up all winter. What should I do?—A.J.W., Wisconsin.

Every dog needs fresh air and exercise, even in winter. Besides, any normal, healthy dog loves to chase dried leaves or frolic in the snow for short periods, regardless of the temperature. If it gets really cold, dress your dog in a wool sweater. You can get one in any pet shop. Air and walk your pup in winter. He can take it, if he keeps on the move.

Does my dog need vitamins in winter? If so, which ones? And in what form should I give them to him?—Mrs. A.E.F., Michigan.

Your dog needs vitamins all the time, winter or summer. But his Vitamin D reserve is usually at a low ebb during cold weather, especially if he's out of the sun practically all the time. Good sources of Vitamin D are cod-liver oil, soybean oil, irradiated yeast, brewer's yeast, tomato juice. In fact, all dogs

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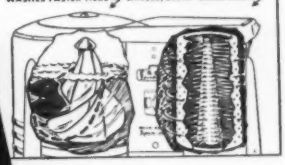

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My 6-months-old pup is housebroken beautifully, except at night. We've tried spanking, scolding, and everything else. Is there any solution?—Mrs. A.J.L., New York.

Bad night habits are hard to deal with, because corrective training must be administered right at the moment of the crime. Unless you want to stay up all night (for quite a few nights) to go thru this training, confine your dog in a small sleeping crate. Then, rush the dog outdoors first thing each morning. Ordinarily, a dog will not soil its own bed. And quick outdoor relief in the morning develops the proper habit.

Is it safe to bathe a young puppy in wintertime?—R.J.J., Colorado.

We're against cold-weather bathing of all dogs—pups or grown animals. It takes hours to dry out the dense undercoat. And a sudden chill seems to hit almost any dog. A good, brisk brushing three or four times a week will keep your pup clean, remove shed hair, and stimulate the oil glands in his skin.

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How to judge good furniture

Look at the joints, the drawers, and the finish. They'll tell you whether the workmanship is good or shoddy

Second of a series

HAVE you ever had the chastening experience of buying a desk, table, chair, or chest—only to have it fall apart within a few months?

Unless you know something about furniture construction, it may happen to you sooner or later. There is always the chance that you may be the unsuspecting buyer of a piece of shoddy furniture.

You can't become an expert overnight. But you can learn to recognize the most important rights and wrongs.

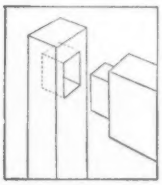
There are three points to which you should give attention when you shop for furniture—the joints, the drawers, and the surface finish. Let's take each of these in turn.

The joints

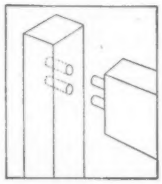
How is the workmanship? Every joint where two pieces of wood meet should be smooth, tight, and flush at all points. If you can detect wood filler, sometimes used to build up an ill-fitting joint, you can expect to find sloppy workmanship elsewhere.

Look for nail heads. Nails are rarely used in good furniture because modern glues are at least as strong as the wood itself. But if you see dry glue smeared around a joint, that in itself is often a sign of careless workmanship.

What type of joint is used? You can't tell by looking, but the salesman should know. Dependable furniture is joined either with mortise-and-tenons, or with glued, hardwood dowels, as shown in these sketches.



A glued mortise-and-tenon (left) makes a strong joint



Or the joint may be held with glued dowels (right)

Simple butted joints, where two pieces of wood are allowed to meet end-to-end without lapping or reinforcement, are comparatively weak. They should never be used at any point of strain. [*Turn to next page*

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How to judge good furniture

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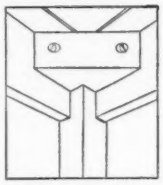


Notched corner blocks hold legs in position

Are corner blocks used? In chairs and tables, the use of triangular corner blocks at the top of the legs, whenever the design permits, is a mark of good construction. They should be glued and screwed in place, with wood grain running diagonally to the grain in side rails.

In most quality furniture, you'll find that corner blocks are notched to fit over legs, as sketched at the left.

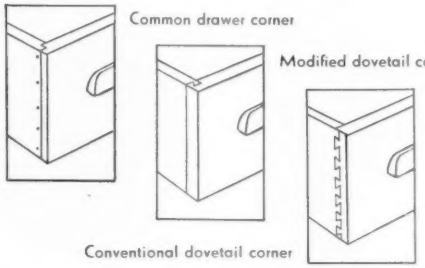
How is the top attached? A table will stand up better if the top is attached with dowels, screws, or special metal clips instead of with glue. The use of glue in this joint may cause the top to split as it swells or shrinks with variations in the weather.

The drawers

How do the drawers work? Make sure that the drawers slide without the slightest sign of binding, and that handles are attached solidly so they won't pull loose. If there are doors, check to see that they fit snugly without any indication of warping.

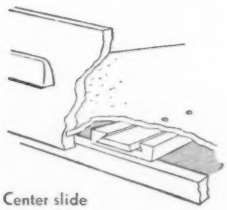
Are drawer corners dovetailed? Tight, permanent dovetailing at all four corners of each drawer is a dependable mark of top-quality furniture. Often you'll find the back of the drawer is merely slipped into a groove. For maximum strength, the back of the drawer should extend down over the bottom.

Sketched below are three types of drawer-corner construction. The dovetail sketched at the right is the most commonly used in quality furniture.



Be careful not to confuse the modified dovetail in the center with the common corner joint at the left; the latter has lateral weakness.

How is the workmanship? Drawers should be smoothly sanded on all sides, inside and out. Check to see that top edges are rounded evenly, and that the exposed bottom has a smooth, clean face. Also look for small wood blocks on the bottom, glued both to the bottom and to the side. They are a mark of quality.



Center slide

What type of drawer slide is used? Pull out a drawer and look at the slide arrangement. There are three types of slides now used in quality furniture. The "furniture" or center slide is sketched at the left.

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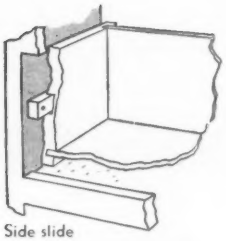
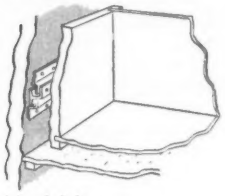


Side slide



Metal slide

Less expensive to manufacture than the center slide is the side slide (top left). It has the advantage of permitting greater clear height inside the drawer.

The third type of slide is the patented metal slide (lower left). It is the most costly, but has many advantages. Several types of metal slides are made.

If wood slides are used, they should be made of well-seasoned hardwood to minimize warping and binding with expansion.

Are dust panels used? When the drawer is out, see if it is separated from other drawers by a panel of thin wood, often used in quality furniture to control dust. The importance of dust panels depends on what you'll keep in the drawers.

The finish

Is the surface smooth? Run your hand over exposed surfaces. If you can feel unevenness, there is danger the finish will eventually pit or peel. Any gouges or chatter marks left by planing tools indicates poor workmanship on the whole piece. If you can look at exposed surfaces so they catch a side light, you can spot defects you might otherwise miss.

Is the stain applied evenly? If you spot unevenness of tone, or contrasting light and dark areas, the stain was applied carelessly. The best natural finishes are obtained on hardwoods such as birch or oak. In painted furniture, however, softwood such as pine is often used because it is cheaper and more easily worked.

Are hidden surfaces finished? Such areas as the backs of chests and the bottoms of drawers should have at least a light coat of finish. The wood needs that protection against moisture and insect damage.

Is the finish of high quality? You can judge the quality of a finish by two tests. First, in some hidden area, try scratching the finish with your thumbnail. A cheap finish will mar easily, chipping off and leaving a white line. Then try rubbing your thumb rapidly over a small area. If the warmth of the friction makes the finish sticky, or if the finish powders off, the quality is poor.

Are exposed ends banded? The end grain of a piece of wood is easily damaged and difficult to finish. In quality furniture, the end grain of flat surfaces is covered with a thin band of wood, matching the side areas. Such a band also protects the surface veneer from chipping.

Recipe contest

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Candy winners are led by Mrs. Fisher's Butterscotch-Nut Fudge—a creamy, rich blonde candy. Also sure to make a hit at your house is Mrs. Bailey's Butter-Nut Crunch.

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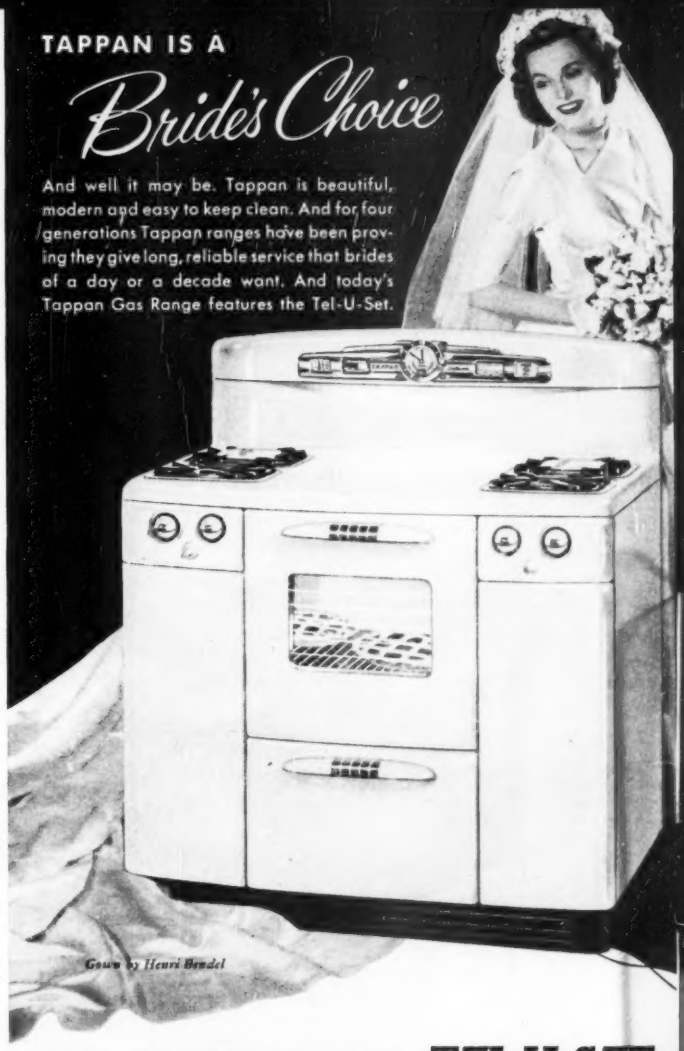

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How to remodel your

A screwdriver and ready-made accessories can change your old closets into dressing-storage units

By Helen Aves

BEFORE

My shallow closet offered no handy place for hanging skirts and slacks. Shoes—even my best suede ones—tumbled about the floor gathering dust. Little-worn dresses had to be kept in drawers to keep them clean

closets at low cost

THOSE dream closets, which do everything but hand you your shirts, are fine for lucky characters building new houses or rebuilding old ones. But if you're like a lot of us, you're bedded down in middle-aged houses with closets you can't afford to tear apart.

What, then, can you do?

Maybe our way out will help you. We redesigned our closets with the inexpensive accessories you can find in any good department store. We planned each closet to hold suits, coats, scarves, ties, belts, shoes—everything we wear above the first layer. A glance inside our closets now leaves us with the giddy feeling that we're the world's tidiest family. As for our teen-aged daughters, we've found that stepping up the efficiency of their closets has increased their urge to neatness by about 100 percent.

Where to get it, page 207 ***More closets on next page***

AFTER

Photographs: James Baynex and Hedrich-Blessing

A skirt hanger, a tie rack for belts, and a shoe rack put the idle door to work. Inside, a garment bag keeps my good clothes dust-free, and a box with hinged lid keeps bedroom slippers, overshoes off the floor

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BEFORE

Wes's closet was a jumble of clothes and accessories. His big suitcase had to be hoisted to the shelf above after every quick business trip. And his shoes were wonderful catchers of dust-rabbits, there on the floor

AFTER

Three kinds of racks for his clothes and a low shelf for the bag took care of Wes. He's fond of the trouser rack—it keeps his pants hung out and in better press. Now he can find his slippers, too—if I put them away

BEFORE

Karen's closet was one of those deep ones—plenty of space where it did no good. It was large enough for two clothes rods but couldn't be used that way because Karen wasn't able to reach things in the back row

AFTER

We doubled the capacity of this closet by installing a telescoping clothes-carrier. It allows total use of the deep recess, pulls out for quick selection of clothes. Boxes for miscellany keep shelf and floor neater

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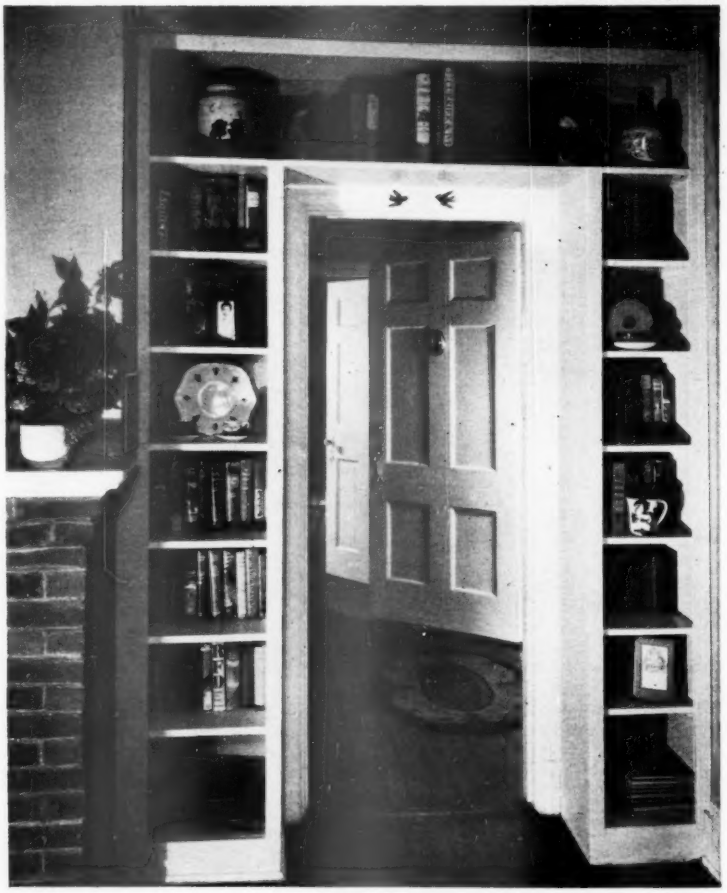
Here's an idea! *By Ann Peppard*

HERE are ideas for putting to work or brightening a few spots around a home. If you're handy with tools, you can do the carpentry some of these ideas require. If a job is too much for you, a local handy man can do it in short order. Either way, you'll get worthwhile results for effort or expense. See how you can apply these ideas.

Bedroom corner is put to work by bringing an old dresser out of hiding. Many attics have an unused dresser—one that can provide valuable storage space. Fitted with new brass handles and enameled black, it blends with most colors

Photographs: Millard, de Gennaro, Howland



Doorway is put to work when shelves are added. Often a door may be framed by shelves cut to fit the space. Shelves also give a feeling of depth to the door wall and make a small room seem bigger

Kitchen shelves are brightened with wallpaper. A fresh background such as this will brighten corners and display dishes to best advantage if shelves are visible from dining room

VISI-FLECTS
—a great boon to women!

BY MARY McCAY

Who would think that an invention used in sweeping mines during the war would prove a great boon to every woman who ever does any laundry? Not I.

BUT IT HAS. It's called Visi-flects and it brings a brand-new principle to the old problem of laundering clothes. Different from soaps, or detergents, or bleaches, or blues, or water softeners, or what have you. It's wonderful. Let's see how it works.

To a physics professor (and to you and me, though we may not know it) white clothes are white because they reflect light. Colored clothes are bright because they reflect light. The more reflection, the whiter or brighter.

But not all light is visible to the naked eye. Ultraviolet and infrared, for instance . . . two names every sun lamp owner or camera fan knows. Those are kinds of light you can't see.

But what if you discovered a scientific compound . . . one which would turn invisible light into visible light? Wouldn't it make white clothes brighter than they were before, by adding whiteness? It would.

And wouldn't such a compound make colored clothes brighter than they were before, by adding brightness? It would.

A European chemist asked those questions, came up with the answers and invented the compound. It is called Visi-flects because it makes invisible light reflect so you can see it. It was used in the war by both sides. Minesweepers used it, for example, to make the flags on their floats easier to see at a distance. If you have a navy son or brother, he'll tell you.

But after the war some General Foods chemists asked themselves a question. Would it be possible to find a method of application for Visi-flects, so simple any housewife could use it?

If so, any woman could keep white clothes as white as new, or even whiter . . . could keep colored clothes as bright as new, or even brighter! This would be entirely apart from soap's function of removing dirt, entirely apart from bleaches' function of removing stubborn stains.

They found the answer! They perfected a compound of Visi-flects which they called Luminess. And they added Luminess to an old established bluing product called La France, which millions of women were familiar with, and which was as easy to use as adding salt to a recipe or putting sugar in coffee.

Whee!—say I, who have hated washing all my life. And hated the way clothes kept getting dingier and duller week after week.

All you have to do to use Visi-flects in improving the appearance of your wash is to add a little La France to your soap or detergent. It takes 10 seconds to do. It's harmless to fabrics. It works perfectly in washer or washtub. Presto! Your whites are whiter, your colors are brighter! Luminess—it's wonderful!

Remember, this is not a matter of splitting the fine points of difference in the cleansing power of two soaps or detergents. This is a brand-new principle. This is a radical departure. This is whiter and brighter clothes with almost no effort . . . clothes which keep on improving in whiteness and brightness over the same clothes right off the store shelf.

Praise to science, say I. Hail to New La France with Luminess! Every woman who wants to better the looks of her wash should try it for a month. You'll see a great difference, I promise you.

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Hot from the oven for the holidays

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oven (425°) 20 to 30 minutes. Makes 12 rolls.

Walnut Butter Twists

1½ cups enriched flour	1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup shortening	• • •
1 tablespoon sugar	
½ cup milk, scalded	3 well-beaten eggs
2 cakes fresh or 2 packages granular yeast	1 cup chopped California walnuts
1½ cups enriched flour	½ cup sugar
	Candied cherries

Sift flour with salt; cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add sugar to milk; cool to lukewarm; add yeast and stir to dissolve. Add to flour mixture; beat thoroly. Cover; let rise 20 minutes. Add remaining 1½ cups flour, lemon peel, vanilla, and eggs. Beat vigorously. Cover and place in refrigerator about 45 minutes. Remove and cut in 1-inch pieces. Roll into 5-inch pencillike strips; let rest 10 minutes; brush with milk. Dip in mixture of walnuts and sugar. Twist in a figure 8. Place on greased cooky sheet. Let stand 5 minutes; top with a cherry. Bake in a hot oven (425°) 15 minutes. Makes 2 dozen rolls.

Sugar Plum Loaf

2 cups milk, scalded	1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon sugar	2 beaten eggs
1 teaspoon salt	½ teaspoon nutmeg
2 cakes fresh or 2 packages granular yeast	1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup lukewarm water	4 cups enriched flour
3 cups enriched flour	1 cup chopped citron
½ cup shortening	½ cup chopped candied cherries
¾ cup sugar	1½ cups seeded raisins

Combine milk, sugar, and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Add yeast softened in lukewarm water. Add 3 cups flour; beat vigorously. Thoroly cream shortening and sugar; add eggs, nutmeg, and vanilla. Add to sponge mixture; beat vigorously. Add remaining ingredients; mix to soft dough. Let rest 10 minutes. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; cover with damp cloth and let rise until double. Punch down. Let rise again until double. Punch down. Mold three loaves; place in greased pans; cover and let rise until double. Bake in moderate oven (375°) about 45 minutes.

Christmas Fruit Bread

2 cups milk, scalded	1 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon sugar	¼ teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons salt	2 beaten eggs
1 cake fresh or 1 package granular yeast	3 to 4 cups enriched flour
¼ cup lukewarm water	1 cup chopped candied fruit peel
3 cups enriched flour	¾ cup chopped blanched almonds
½ cup shortening	2 cups seedless raisins
¾ cup sugar	
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel	

Combine milk, 1 tablespoon sugar, and salt; cool to lukewarm. Add yeast softened in lukewarm water. Add 3 cups flour; beat thoroly. Let rise until light and bubbly. Thoroly cream shortening and sugar. Add lemon peel, vanilla, nutmeg, and eggs. Stir into sponge mixture. Add remaining ingredients; mix to make smooth, soft dough. Let rest 10 minutes. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; cover with damp cloth and let rise until double. Punch down. Shape two loaves. Bake on greased cooky sheets. Let rise till double. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 1 hour. Glaze with Confectioners' Frosting.

Where to get it

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Gifts for your bedroom and bath (continued)

Page 57. Upper left photograph. Monogrammed sheets and cases: Dan River Mills, Inc., 40 Worth St., New York City.
Emerald-green blanket: Kenwood Mills, Albany, New York.
Yellow curtains: "Snowberry," Richard Borden Mills, New York City.
Checker-plaid rug: Cabin Craft, Inc, Dalton, Georgia.
In linen closet. Highlander-plaid blanket: Seymour Woolen Mills, Seymour, Indiana.
Mexican lime blanket: St. Marys Woolen Mfg. Co., New York.
White percale sheets with green scallops: Cannon Mills, Inc., 70 Worth St., New York City.
"Maize" percale sheets: Pepperell Mfg. Co., Boston, Massachusetts.
Upper right photograph. Shower curtain: "Water Lily," Para Mfg. Co. Inc., 500 Central Ave., Newark, New York.
Tufted rug: "French Oval," Calloway Mills, 295 Fifth Ave., New York.
Citron towels: Cannon Mills, Inc. 70 Worth St., New York City.
Gold towels: Mooresville Mills, Mooresville, North Carolina.
Dark-green towels: "Luzon" pattern, Martex, Wellington-Sears, 65 Worth St., New York City.
Emerald-green bath mat: "Symphony" pattern, Cannon Mills, Inc.
Lower left photograph. Shower curtain: National Carbon Co., Inc., "Krene" Products Division, 30 E. 42nd St., New York, New York.
Rose and grey towel: Haynes, Cone Export & Commission Co., 59 Worth St., New York City.
Royal blue and pink towel: Fielderest Mills, Division Marshall Field & Co., 88 Worth St., New York City.
Grey-mist towels: "Trousseau" pattern, Cannon Mills, Inc.
Pink and white towels: "Bowknot" pattern, Dundee Mills, Inc., Griffin, Georgia.
Magic-blue rug: Wunda-Weve, Belrug Mills, Greenville, South Carolina.
Lower right photograph. Bedspread: "Melody Lane" pattern, Bates Fabrics, Inc., 80 Worth St., New York.
Cedar thermostatic blanket: Fielderest Mills, 88 Worth St., New York City.
Dusty-rose rug: Charm-Tred Mills, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.
Master Mark towel stand: Fletcher Mfg. Co., 23 W. Olive St., Burbank, California.

Gifts for her kitchen

Page 64. $20 and over. Automatic electric roaster: Nesco, National Enameling and Stamping Company, Milwaukee; $67.45.
Electric buffet server: Hammacher Schlemmer, New York City; $49.75.
Automatic coffee maker: Cory Corporation, Chicago; $27.75.
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Waffle baker-grill: Arvin, Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc., Columbus, Indiana; $27.95.
Electric mixer: Mixmaster, Sunbeam Corporation, Chicago; $39.50.

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Baker's Coconut Quickie #10

Waffle batter Baker's Coconut Butterscotch Sauce

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Smorgasbord

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Potato Salad Bowl

6 potatoes, cooked in jackets (4 cups cubed)	1 cucumber, diced
1 onion, chopped	1½ teaspoons salt
3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced	¼ teaspoon paprika
1 cup chopped celery	¼ cup French dressing
	Mayonnaise

Combine potatoes, onion, eggs, celery, cucumber, and seasonings; chill and marinate in French dressing 4 to 6 hours. Just before serving, add mayonnaise and mix carefully. If desired, add 1 teaspoon celery seed or 1 cup grated carrot. Top with a tomato rose and a border of sliced cucumbers. Serves 8.

Onion Chrysanthemum

Cut large white onion thru center to within 1 inch of bottom. Turn onion and cut in quarters, then eighths. Petals should be about ¼ inch thick. Add green food coloring to 1 quart cold water. Place onion upside down in colored water, weight down, and let stand in cool place overnight. Drain thoroly before using. Make yellow and red chrysanthemum onions for a gala table. Very effective for hors d'oeuvre trays.

Swedish Meat Balls

½ cup fine, dry bread crumbs	2 tablespoons minced onion
½ cup warm cream	3 teaspoons salt
½ pound beef	⅓ teaspoon pepper
¼ pound veal	⅛ teaspoon allspice
¼ pound pork	4 tablespoons fat
½ cup milk	
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten	

Soak crumbs in cream. Grind meats three times, using fine blade of food chopper. Combine crumbs and meat; mix thoroly; add milk. Add egg yolks, onion, and seasonings. Form in medium or very tiny balls and brown on all sides in hot fat. Keep warm over hot water. Serves 8.

Brown Beans

2 tablespoons vinegar	2 No. 2 cans red beans, drained
½ cup brown sugar	

Combine vinegar and sugar. Add drained beans and heat thoroly. Serves 8.

Stuffed Eggs

Halve hard-cooked eggs lengthwise; remove yolks and mash. Add seasonings. Re-fill egg whites. For 8 eggs use:

2 tablespoons mayonnaise	¼ teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon vinegar	½ teaspoon dry mustard or
½ teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon prepared mustard
Dash of pepper	

Decorate stuffed-egg plate with ring of parsley. Center with goblet filled with cocktail sauce. Hang shrimp over rim of goblet as shown in picture on page 61.

Cheese Tray

Arrange Blue and Swiss cheese on cheese board or plate. Serve with rye krisp.

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Cocktail Sauce

6 tablespoons chili sauce
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1½ tablespoons horse-radish
¼ teaspoon grated onion
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 drops Tabasco sauce
Salt to taste

Combine ingredients and chill thoroly. Serve with sea-food cocktails. Makes ½ cup. For a crowd, double this amount.

Fruit Gelatine Mold

3 packages lemon-flavored gelatine
2 cups hot water
1 cup syrup from canned pineapple
1 cup syrup from canned peaches
1 cup cold water
1 No. 2½ can peach halves, drained
1 8-ounce bottle maraschino cherries, drained
1 No. 2½ can pineapple slices cut in half, drained

Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Add pineapple syrup, peach syrup and cold water. Chill until partially set. Arrange peach halves and maraschino cherries in bottom of oiled 1½-quart mold. Add gelatine mixture to cover. Chill till set. Dip pineapple slices in gelatine mixture; arrange on sides of mold. Add small amount of gelatine mixture. Chill till set. Place remaining fruit in mold and add gelatine mixture to cover. Chill till firm. Serve on lettuce.

Swedish Rye Bread

2 cups water
½ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon caraway seed
1 teaspoon anise
1 tablespoon shortening
1 cake fresh or one package granular yeast
3½ cups enriched flour
2 cups rye flour

Combine water, sugar, salt, caraway seed, anise, and shortening; cook 3 minutes. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in this mixture. Add flour; mix to a soft dough. Let rise about 1½ hours. Add rye flour to make a stiff dough; knead lightly. Place in greased bowl; cover with damp cloth; let rise till double, about 2 hours. Knead; divide in 2 portions. Cover and let rest 10 to 15 minutes. Mold into loaves; place in greased pans; cover and let rise till double. Bake in moderate oven (375° to 400°) 35 to 45 minutes.

Lingonberry Sauce

4 cups lingonberries
1½ cups sugar
1 cup water

Wash and pick over berries. Combine sugar and water; simmer about 5 minutes. Add berries and cook till tender, about 3 to 5 minutes. Cool.

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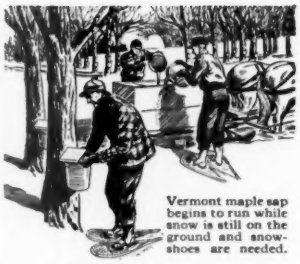

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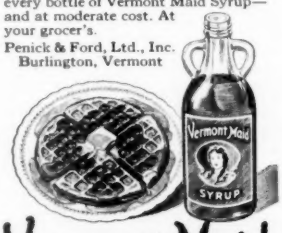

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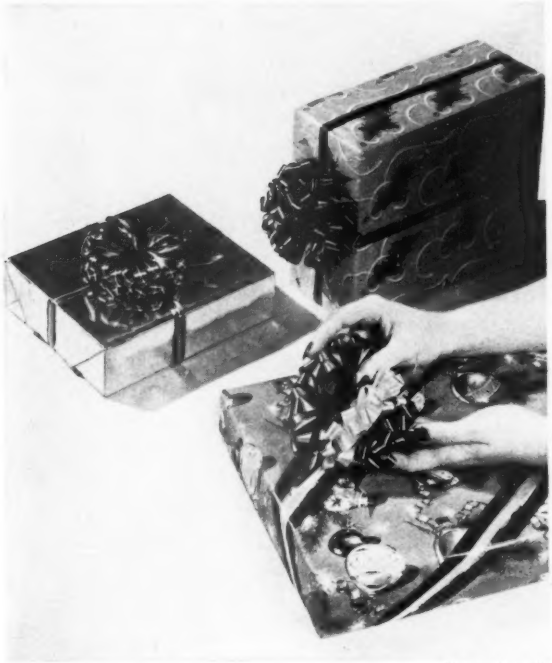
Smart ways to wrap gifts

By Chris Hutten

IS WRAPPING Christmas packages one of your jobs? Dress-up bows, gaily printed paper, and ornaments taped to your packages will give each gift extra glamour without adding to your work.

Sketches below show the trick of making pompon bows and formal bows. Pictures suggest quick touches that will give your gifts a Christmasy look.

Vary your pompon bows, as shown in the picture at the right, by laying two circles of loops together to make a wheel (upper left); fluffing up the bow (upper right); or tying three pompons together in an upright position (lower left).



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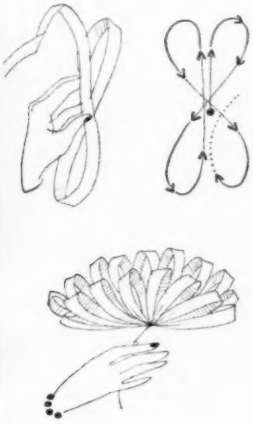
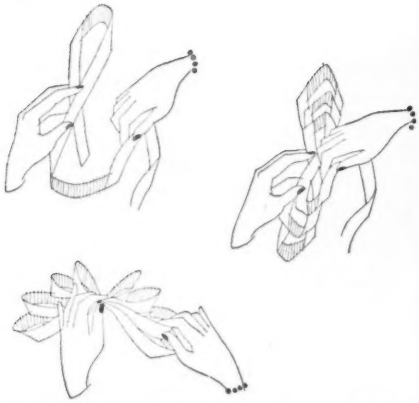
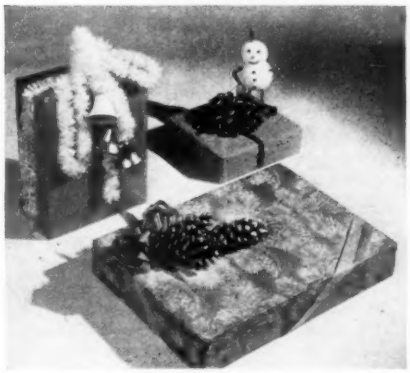


Pompon bows. Lay ribbon flat against your middle, third, and little fingers; use your forefinger and thumb to hold the loops in place. Start at the point marked with a dot on the diagram, and loop the ribbon following the direction of the arrows. Straight upstrokes and slanting downstrokes are essential to interlace the edges of the loops. When the pompon is full, pinch loops tightly at center and tie



Formal bows. Lay ribbon flat against middle, third, and little fingers; use forefinger and thumb to hold loops in place. Make simple overlapping loops above and below your fingers, gradually decreasing size of loops. Pinch tightly and tie at center with knot under all loops



For a smart extra touch trim your package with Christmas tree ornaments. Tie a cluster of Christmas bells into the center loop of a frosty white roping bow. Tape a plastic foam dime-store snowboy at the base of a fluffed-up pompon bow. Or tape three real pine cones under the formal bow on a package wrapped in cone-patterned gift paper

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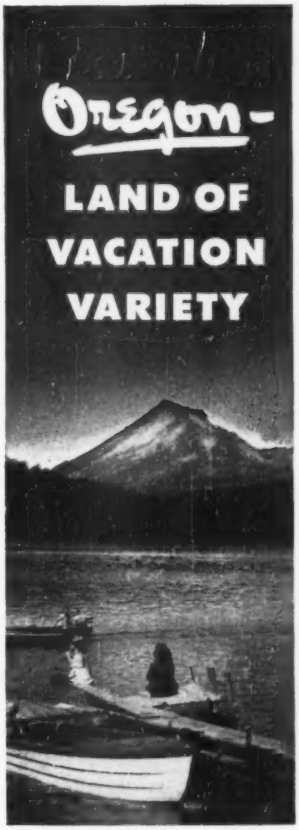

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Gift wrapping

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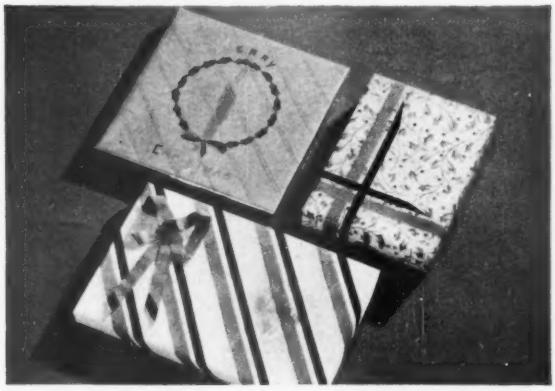
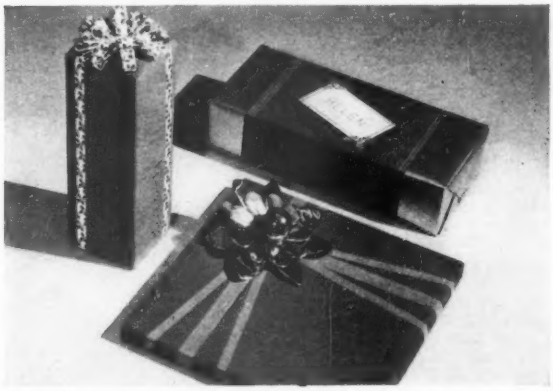
Fancy paper or ornaments can take the place of package bows. Tie Christmas tree ornaments with metallic string to the corner of a gift wrapped in striped paper. Paste glittery cardboard snowflakes across metallic wrapping paper. Glue a snowman on top of unwrapped gift box



Trim your gifts with strips and cutouts of colored tape. Pin stripes of red tape, run diagonally across the package, dress the box at upper left. Cut the candle and wreath from wide tape—or use seals. For the upper right package, accent strips of ½-inch red tape with 5/16-inch strips of green tape. On the lower package, red and green tape strips alternate



When you're wrapping a tall gift, try a pompon bow—made from two strips of tape glued face to face—on top. Package at upper right puts scraps of wrapping paper to work by splicing them together with tape. Radiate ½- and 5/16-inch strips of tape across the face of a plain package (lower right) and glue a Christmas ornament where strips cross

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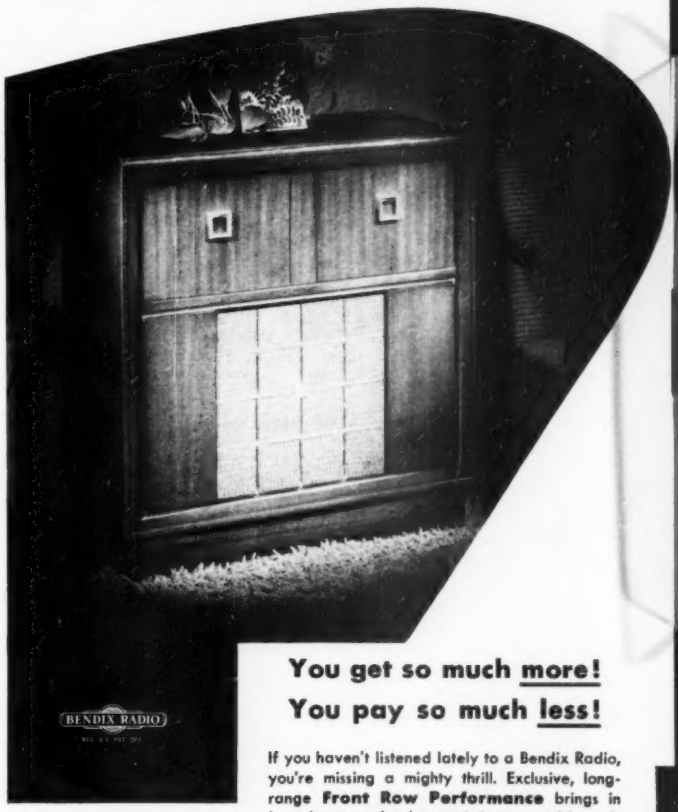

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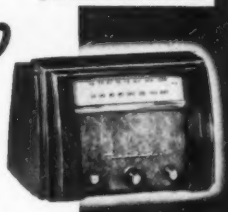

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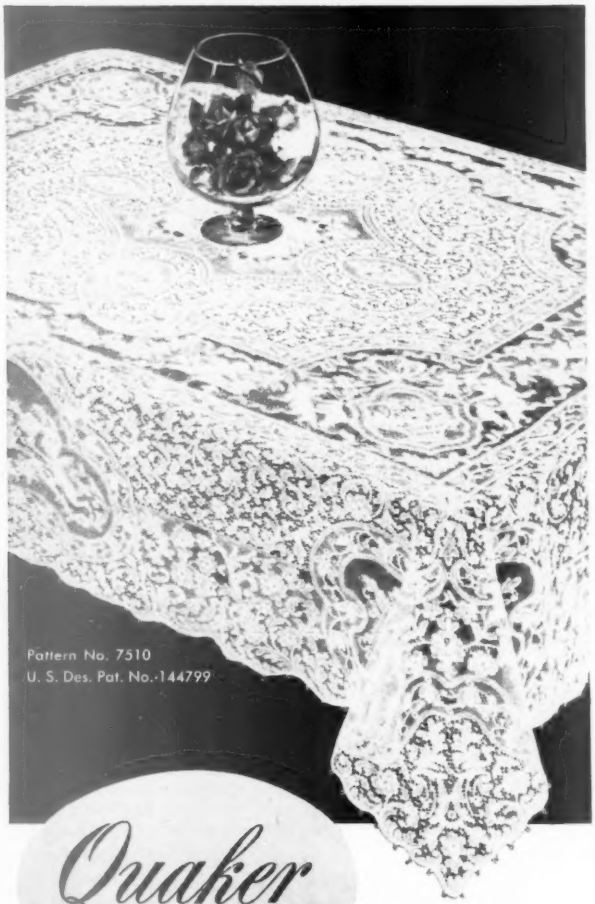

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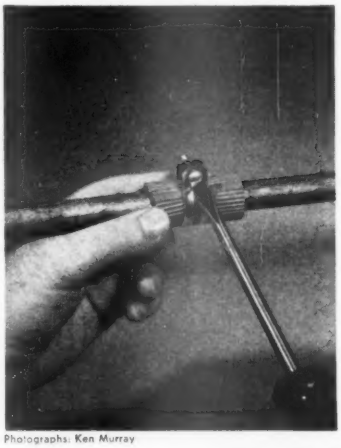
How-to for

Neat way to putty a window. The next time you glaze a window or replace old, cracked putty, try applying the new putty with the back of a pointed can opener. The triangular shape of the opener's point fits the space to be filled, and the angle at which it is held controls the amount of putty used. Use the sharp point for cleaning out old putty



Temporary repair for that leaky pipe. When one of your water pipes springs a leak, it may take you several days to get a plumber to repair it. In the meantime, will you keep the water turned off or just let it drip? You don't have to do either. You can make a good temporary repair by covering leak with a split piece of rubber hose, held with an ordinary hose clamp

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Protecting a chisel handle. If the handle of your wood chisel isn't circled with a metal ring, it may splinter under the repeated impact of the mallet. You can protect it by fitting it with an ordinary furniture glider. They come in several sizes

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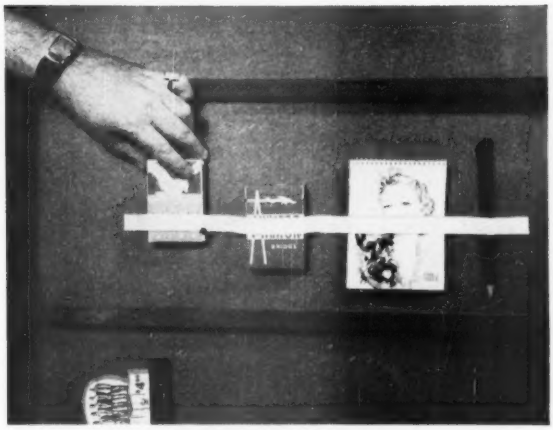

Good card trick. To keep playing cards, score pads, and pencils on hand when you need them, why not store them with your card table? You can make holders for them by gluing a length of elastic tape (not adhesive tape) to the underside of the table top. Glue only at intervals

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How to hang pictures

By Janet McHendrie

When pictures are hung in groups, it's always best to have frames matched, and subjects as closely related as possible. All these pictures are landscapes. Here, at the same time, pictures serve to give stature to the chest, point up its good traditional design, add a note of substantial dignity to the whole setting

Mats of red and white polka-dot chintz make this series of prints outstanding. Red is repeated in the binding of lamp shades and sofa. Rectangular picture grouping here suits the straight lines of the plaid sofa cover

For a different effect, try collecting a group of good prints all in one big frame. When this is done, however, it's more important than ever that the subjects be as closely related as these game-bird prints. If you use a frame as large as this it is best kept in a light or neutral tone, to keep it from being overpowering

Photographs: Kalvaard, Millard, Parker, Geyer

When the colors of a picture are picked up in the grouping beneath it, both picture and grouping become more important and better related. Here the blue and bronze tones of the water color are repeated in blue Chinese glazed vases and a piece of Ming bronze. The picture frame matches wood of the chest

It's easy to make pictures a part of your furniture grouping

PICTURES are flattering touches that can make a dull room smart—or perk up a colorless setting. But a picture is only as good as its frame and its placement. Even inexpensive prints take on importance when they're dramatized by unusual framing and adroit hanging. And a good original will look bad if placed in a cheap frame or hung in a too-big wall space.

Here are a few rules for framing and hanging to help you make your pictures add more to your rooms.

What kinds of pictures should you use?

Colonial portraits, Early American historical scenes, Currier and Ives prints, and Victorian bouquets belong in traditional rooms because they relate to definite periods. Modern paintings and prints are best in modern homes. But floral and fruit prints, Chinese pictures, seascapes, family portraits, and black and white etchings are more or less "neutral"; so they're at home in almost any setting. [*Turn to page 194*

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To hang pictures

Stanley

While these bird prints and the historical scene are unrelated in subject matter, they all have an Early American feeling and go well together. This a good idea for building up a single picture that is not large enough to hang alone over a large piece of furniture or on a big wall

What size should pictures be?

A picture or group of pictures should always be in proportion to the wall space or to the furniture over which it hangs. A massive sofa requires a big picture or a massing of small ones.

How should small pictures be grouped?

Whatever their arrangement, let the over-all form of a group of small pictures be symmetrical. Never use a small picture alone on a large wall space—it looks lost and forlorn. Every picture you hang should be related to a furniture grouping. And never hang small pictures step-fashion unless they're actually going up a stairway wall.

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Small prints, like these of characters out of Dickens, might be lost if hung individually, but take on character and importance when grouped to make a massive wall treatment. Frames of bleached walnut blend with the walnut radio, and mats of deep red give weight and add decorative power. Note symmetrical form of the eight-picture unit

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A group of small prints, wide-matted in deep color and framed alike, has the weight and importance of a very large painting. They often have more interest than a large picture if their subjects are unusual. This group of prints in black glass mats and black frames is made more dramatic by the flanking antique rosewood and mirror bibelot shelves

What is the best height to hang pictures?

Pictures should be hung at eye level. Bottom lines of a group of pictures should be on the same level. But if a sofa or a chest is quite low, hang the picture above it close enough to the piece so that the two become a single unit.

Must pictures be centered on a wall?

Pictures often should be centered for the most pleasing and restful effect. Sometimes, tho, a large picture or group of small ones can be placed to one side of a wall area and balanced by a tall massive arrangement of foliage or a large tropical plant. [*Turn to next page*

Stanley

Here's an example of how pictures can be grouped to build up and give importance to a piece of furniture which otherwise would look undersized against the big wall space. Tho different in tone value and treatment, both pictures are scenic and have a pleasing relation to each other. A portrait or still life would look out of place in this group

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A group of pictures can cover the over-all wall area above a single furniture piece. Or, as is done here, the group can also include other pieces that form the furniture grouping. Note how lamps need not prevent you from bringing pictures down to form a unit with the furniture

What kinds of frames are smart?

Any frame should complement, rather than dominate, its picture. Etchings, line drawings, Chinese pictures, or other paintings or drawings with a feeling of delicacy should have narrow, simple frames. Bolder lines, heavier colors, drawings with mass to them can have wide, heavier frames. The frames of small pictures need not be

Stanley

Very small pictures are better left unhung unless they are closely grouped in a limited space. These miniatures would be lost if hung individually, but they become an important collection in this well-planned, symmetrical group. Note how pictures are hung close to table

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all one size, or all one shape. Some of them can be rectangular, some of them oval or round.

In general, the width of a picture frame should be determined by the location of the picture on the wall. On a large wall area, a small picture can be heavily framed to bring out its good points. The same picture in a small space would call for a narrow frame and a narrow mat. The size of the picture doesn't always dictate the size of the frame.

Must pictures be matted?

Oil paintings are usually framed without mats. Because of their heavy texture and rich color they can stand on their own—and they won't be overpowered by the most lavish frame. Water colors, etchings, lithographs, photographs, and other smooth-surfaced pictures need mats to set off the pictures and keep the frames from overshadowing the pictures.

What kinds of matting should be used?

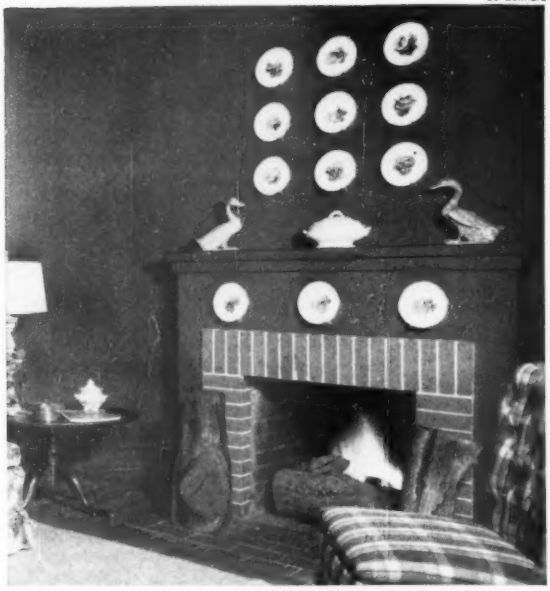
As a rule, use a mat in a neutral transition tone between picture and wall color, or in the same color as the wall. Black, red, or forest-green mats, however, often can be dramatic.

Make your mats of art paper, grass cloth, silk shantung, figured wallpaper, textured fabrics, figured chintz, burlap, marbleized paper, simulated wallpapers, or plywood.

What type of fixture is best?

Pictures will be more likely to stay straight if hung by a wire run thru a small screw eye at each side of the frame. Always hang picture so no wires show in a "V" above the frame. Pictures should lie flat against the wall.

de Gennaro



Substitute plates for pictures above a fireplace mantel. These Bavarian fruit plates, attached to wood racks that are nailed to the chimney and fireplace, make interesting contrast against a dark background. Ducks and tureen on mantel break the severity of this straight line arrangement

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- Prune dead limbs from trees.

SOUTH

Plant hardy and half-hardy flower seeds in the Lower and Middle South. Perennial plants grown in coldframes or the garden may be set out.

Plant sweetpeas at this time. Deep trench, inoculated seeds, heavy fertilization all help insure good blooms. Use early-flowering type in Lower South, Spencer elsewhere.

Take a chance with spring-flowering bulbs if you haven't already planted them, altho it's too late to put them in with best results.

Spray roses with lime-sulfur, except in Lower South. Don't winter-prune yet, but take out tall stems to avoid their whipping in the wind.

Winter lawns thru entire South grow rapidly during each warm spell and need cutting, but don't clip too short, or just before a hard freeze. A midwinter lawn feeding is highly recommended.

A midwinter dormant spray is needed by many flowering shrubs, roses, and broad-leaved evergreens. So do most nuts, fruits, and berries. Consult your local county agent for his dormant spray schedule.

—*W. Elbridge Freeborn*

TEXAS-SOUTHWEST

Plant Spencer varieties of sweetpeas in rich soil this month for excellent results. Winter rye may still be planted as late as December for a green lawn. Plant anemones and ranunculus now—not more than two inches deep. Prune and shape altheas, vitex, and other summer-blooming shrubs. Hold off pruning roses until next month, but spray now against spring diseases with Bordeaux mixture.

Lift, dry, and store dahlia tubers as soon as they are fully dormant. In the Rio Grande Valley plant roses this month instead of in November, as recommended elsewhere in our region.

Start seeds and cuttings of perennials in your coldframe. Seeds need a finely screened, rich mixture of compost, sand, and topsoil. Cuttings should be in either sand or 50-50 sand and finely chopped peat.

—*Marian Price Scruggs*

CENTRAL-EAST

Tie evergreen hedges together with jute so heavy snow won't split them.

After the ground is frozen, place a protective mulch on perennial beds to prevent alternate thawing and freezing from heaving plants out of the ground.

Roses need a good freeze to make them dormant, so transplant them the last of November or first part of December. Mix plenty of peatmoss and bonemeal into the soil before planting and dig holes deep enough to spread out long roots.

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Pot up paper-white narcissi in gravel and water now for bloom in February.

Check stored tubers and corms. Clean the bulbs: treat with naphthalene or DDT if you haven't already done so.

—*Harvey Bicknell*

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Get as much work in the garden as possible behind you before winter rains waterlog the ground or frosts harden it. Repair fences, trellises, and pathways. Cut back and tie any long branches of vines and roses.

Transplant shrubs that need more suitable locations for better growth and blooming. Stake and tie all newly planted trees and shrubs. Also, mulch the ground to prevent the roots being damaged by frost.

Spray all your shrubs with lime-sulfur when the weather is dry. This spray will destroy most insect eggs and many adult insects which would otherwise overwinter in cracks in the bark or near the surface of the ground.

Protect primulas with a light, loose mulch of leaves. Pot ranunculus roots in 3-inch pots sunk in a coldframe.

—*Ada V. Turner*

CALIFORNIA

Transplant trees, shrubs, and roses at this time. When you dig, remove the soil in a ring at the base of the plant but don't pry the roots—dig out the outer soil and cut the ends of the roots cleanly.

Amaryllis bulbs are dormant now. If you pot or plant them in the garden, plant the bulbs so that they are mainly above the surface of the soil. Early sweetpeas can be sown now. Don't prune roses yet—wait till the coldest weather is past—perhaps January 15. Cut back geraniums almost to the soil, if you like. The new growth will make shapely plants.

—*Alfred C. Hottes*

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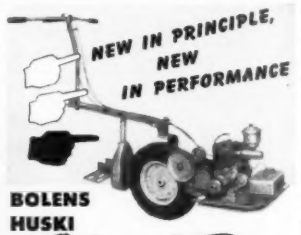

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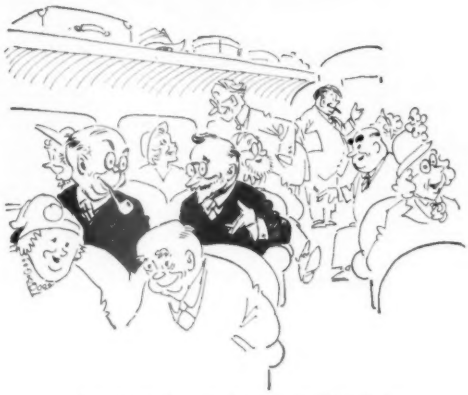

I found the club car full of seasonal jollification. After a while I got acquainted and a pleasant New Year's Eve was enjoyed

Dec. 2 It seemed foolish for an important chap such as I be—or think I be—to lie abed all day. Even if my throat is sore and my head and bones ache, and the thermometer says I have a fever.

Last week I was out on a business trip. Donald had gone along. I fell sick with the flu. Last Saturday morning when I woke up I was in terrible shape. "You'll have to get me back home just as fast as you can," says I to Donald.

"Get the east bedroom heated up," I told Maggie over the phone. "And call the doctor. I'm sick with the flu."

All day long he drove, lickety split, nearly 500 miles. When we were 90 miles from home, I stopped and called Maggie on the phone. "Get the east bedroom heated up. You'll have to put me to bed and send for the doctor," says I. I've been in that room ever since.

Toward noon today I did arise, put on bathrobe, and descended unto the living room, where I tottered to my favorite easy chair. Maggie wrapped a blanket around me. Brought me fruit juice and next installment of pills. But I grew sicker and sicker and crawled back upstairs to bed.

Dec. 3 As I stayed at home and sniffled and moaned, our men's rose club was having its monthly dinner and meeting. Election of officers, too. I wonder how they managed to get along without me.

Only news is that Maggie brought up one of the pots of paper-white narcissi from the basement. This has grown up and will begin to bloom before long. The bulbs had been planted in soil in a pot, instead of in pebbles in water. My present judgment is that soil planting is much the better method.

(End-of-month note—After the two pots have bloomed, I know this is correct. We have never had finer blooms of these than this year. I hope I never bother with pebbles again.)

Dec. 7 Recovered enough to take over the bird-feeding job again. I bundled up and hobbled out to distribute grains and seeds and suet. I have now, all told, 12 different places and ways of feeding the birds.

Dec. 12 Another birthday for me, and says I to Maggie when she brought her usual annual cake to the table tonight in honor of the event, "Where are the candles?"

"You are so old that I can't afford candles any more," said she. That cake and some cards from readers of this narrative were the only recognition of my reaching another milestone.

Dec. 15 Chilly mornings and the dear old furnace to worry over, brings to mind that jolly old job of what to do with coal ashes besides

hauling them away. For several years I've spread them over the vegetable patch—a trick I learned from my Pennsylvania Dutch grandmother.

Last winter I used some as mulch over my daylilies. I can report now that this was a good practice. The ashes were a good mulch. Then last summer they kept down the weeds considerably. What weeds did grow were easy to pull out.

Also I tried some in a part of one rose bed that has never done as well as the others. By the end of the summer, I was sure that the roses where the ashes had been put were better than those in the rest of the bed. So most of the ashes this winter are to go on the roses. I have also spread a thin layer over where I made the new planting of narcissus bulbs in November.

There is no food value in coal ashes. It is simply that on top of the ground, they make a mulch. Worked into the soil, they lighten up our heavy clay soil and enable both air and water to penetrate better. Some coal ashes are supposed to be harmful, but apparently not our kind.

Dec. 25 This family is by now too old and sophisticated to get up early on Christmas. But when we did foregather in the living room, it was disclosed that the family had given me a new blotter for my study table, some brown stuff with nicotine in it for my foolish pleasures and what not.

But alas for Maggie. When she opened a big envelope from me to her, all she found inside was a picture—a crudely made drawing, that is—which I had made late last night. It was a crude resemblance to the present I had intended to buy her had I been able to get downtown. She laughed and laughed and seemed perfectly satisfied. Now she can go downtown and buy what she wants—and charge it.

Dec. 26 What a terrible habit some folks have of sending Christmas cards to people at a distance without putting an address on

Another birthday for me, and Maggie brought in my cake. "You're so old I can't afford candles any more," said she to explain their absence

either card or envelope. I like to reply to some of these. Or just like to know where some of my friends can be reached.

Maggie's brother Bob and family did an excellent thing this year. Their Christmas card not only had the family address but also the present addresses of the children who are married and of one of the boys who is away to college.

This comes to mind because a year ago I noted here that I'd like to have Kris Kringle bring me a new garden panama. Well, promptly came a letter from a man in Louisiana, offering to send me one—if I would just let him know what size I wear. And dear me—nary a sign of address about the Christmas card on which he had written this generous offer. So last summer I gardened another year in my old hat.

Dec. 27 I am truly glad that David, who is now a sophomore down at the University, is taking more interest in home mechanical

David is taking more interest in mechanics at home. He plans to overhaul our power lawn mower this winter

affairs. He announced today that come next week, he will go downtown to the dealer who handles our make of power lawn mower, to order some new parts needed. He plans to overhaul it this winter—so he says.

Dec. 29 Betwixt snow and fog, along with a wreck ahead in the night, my train was four hours late when I shivered into Philadelphia this morning. And first thing ran into Prof. Paul Thompson, from the University of Texas and reader of *Better Homes & Gardens*, who had the cheerful news that back in Austin, the chrysanthemums are still blooming in his back yard.

Dec. 31 Night finds me on the train, bound for home. In the club car as I tried to read, amid the seasonal jollification, I discovered divers college professors and their wives, homeward bound from conventions and vacations. Getting acquainted, I learned that they all read *Better Homes & Gardens*. Thus a pleasant New Year's Eve was enjoyed. And so to bed in my berth.

Looking back over the year, one of the outstanding events was the marigold triplets blooming side by side, the three All-America ones—Flash, Naughty Marietta, and Red Head. Or the early-blooming and heat-resistant sweetpeas which had blossoms on them from late June to October.

Or maybe I'm proudest of the new tree planted on the front lawn. Or the new planting of daylilies, or narcissus, or iris. Or managing to pay for the peat I put so lavishly on the roses about the last of July.

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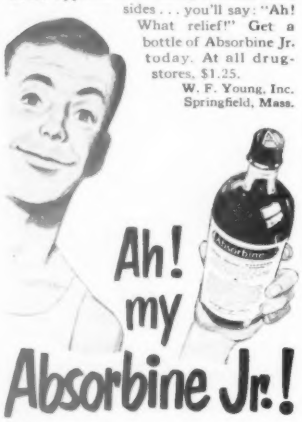

A letter to your boy about army life

By Renwick C. Kennedy

DEAR ED:

Well, I hear the draft has caught up with you, and that you're going into the army next month. I was in the army a while myself, a good part of World War II, in fact.

You haven't asked for my advice, and you may take it or leave it. But I'm going to tell you what to expect.

You won't like a lot of things about the army. You'll be glad when your 21 months are over. Still, it isn't going to be too bad. I knew hundreds of guys who hated it at first. But after a while most of them adjusted to it, even came to have a kind of affection for it.

I remember a homesick boy from Kansas who pestered me for three months trying to get out. He had a whopping collection of affidavits from his family and neighbors and the county farm agent and his preacher and others saying that he was needed at home to look after his mother and produce food. I got his papers processed, but they came back. He tried it again. Finally I called him into my office and gave him a straight-from-the-shoulder going over. I told him that he couldn't get out of the army, that I was tired of his whining, that he must settle down and make a soldier of himself. A year later in Europe he thanked me for it. And when the war was over he joined the regular army.

Some men have the character and personality to adjust. Some don't. If you can, you'll be all right.

By adjustment I mean that you have to get used to the army way. You have to make it your way. You have to get used to things like discipline and training and a fair amount of stupidity and living with strange people.

It's tough for a while. Take discipline, for example. In civilian life it's so camouflaged you hardly know it's there. In the army it's raw and naked. The people over you don't ask you to do something. They tell you. When they tell you to get up at 5, you get up. When they tell you to scrub latrines or pick up cigarette butts, you don't argue. When they deny you a pass to town, you don't go. You're no longer free to do more or less as you please. You do as your sergeant or officer pleases.

YOUR biggest problem will be learning how to take it. There is only one way to get along and that is to obey. Do *what* they tell you and do it *the way* they tell you—even if you know a *better* way. There's no place in the army for imagination. Someone in your company headquarters does your thinking for you. Someone higher up, perhaps in Washington, does his.

Our first sergeant once simplified his method of making the morning report. At the next inspection, he, his captain, the adjutant, and the colonel were called upon the carpet, warned not to do it again. The point is that you must do things the army way.

It's a good idea, too, to be respectful to people who issue orders. It isn't necessary to bow and scrape, but it's best to treat officers and sergeants with respect whether or not they deserve it.

Some boys never learn the army way. They have nothing but trouble in the army.

In addition to discipline there's also

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a training program to contend with. Much of it will seem useless and stupid. Some of the rugged features of wartime training may be omitted, but there will be plenty of physical training. And my prediction is that it won't be softened very much. There also will be a lot of lectures and films. Some of them you'll find interesting, some amusing, some dull. But the thing to remember is that all of them are propaganda. You're a guinea pig being indoctrinated by the army. Don't believe everything you're taught. Some day you're coming back to civilian life, where army romanticism won't hold up. You'll know after a while what is good and what is hooey in all that has been presented to you.

ANOTHER problem will be learning how to live with a crowd of men whose variety will amaze you. In civilian life you pick most of your associates. In the army they're forced upon you. There will be men from every part of the country, men of different races and colors, good, bad, smart, dull, educated, semi-literate, gentlemen, scoundrels. You will live with them every day in all the intimacy of a stableful of cattle.

Learning to live with them is one of the best things you will get out of the army. You will need courage and character to get along; courage to keep them from running over you—character to make them respect you. Most of them will be as green and puzzled as you. Many will be weak, homesick kids who will come around to lean on you for comfort and encouragement.

THERE will be some bad actors, but you will find plenty of decent boys, and you will make good friends among them. After a while you will be pleased and surprised at the strange collection of friends you've made.

The army is a rough life, Ed. You will miss a lot of the courtesies and refinements of civilian life. You will live in a daily fog of profanity and vulgarity. You will become so used to it that you will hardly notice it.

There is a robust, Rabelaisian quality about army life that is revolting to squeamish people, but maybe there is a healthy quality in it, too. In any case, most G.I.'s drop it right away when they return to civilian life.

YOU can stand the coarseness. It won't hurt you. But some other things can happen to you that you will need to watch. It's easy to lose your good habits, to pick up bad ones. The army is not very much concerned about your morals and religion. You have to keep them alive yourself. The army does not really care what your private life is so long as it does not interfere with your soldiering. You can go to hell in a dozen different ways and the army won't care, provided you still answer roll call and perform your duties.

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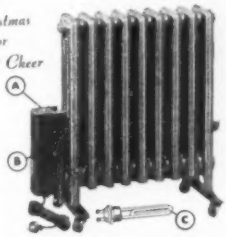

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Plant one bulb to each 6-inch pot with the neck of the bulb protruding above the soil. Handle otherwise as you do amaryllis. This includes testing for root growth before you move your sprekelia to a warm place.

Idea: Because the brilliant flowers resemble poised butterflies, and are so brilliantly red, a tropical setting suits sprekelias well. Set pots when ready for display into reed baskets or unglazed Mexican and Indian pottery.

Soleil d'Or narcissus. This is the bright-yellow relative of the paper-white narcissus and grows equally well planted in soil or weighted down with pebbles in water. When planting, let tips of bulbs remain above soil or water. Start where cool but light, where temperature stays in the 50's. Light prevents leaves growing too tall. After two weeks, set pot or bowl next glass in sunny window. Because these bulbs cannot be forced successfully a second time, discard when flowers fade and leaves start to turn yellow.

Idea: Five bulbs can be crowded into an 8-inch bowl or pot. Use as book end under reading lamp.

Veltheimia. Looking at all stages a true aristocrat, veltheimia also grows from a bulb and sends up spikes of rosy flowers shaped like small firecrackers from its leafy rosette. The leaves are smooth, satiny green, and beautifully rippled along their 10-inch margins.

Not at all temperamental, a veltheimia is satisfied with topsoil and as much sun as a south window can give. Water daily.

Idea: Keep foliage speckless and set plant inside white container with a dull finish. Silhouette bloom spikes against dark blue or black for special effects.

Bermuda buttercup. This long-time favorite yellow oxalis has a bright-pink, winter-blooming cousin. Both grow well from small bulbs best planted between mid-October and mid-December. Set bulbs 2 inches apart, and cover them 1 inch deep. Good topsoil suits them.

Idea: Because these oxalis flowers and leaves can only be said to be wide awake in the morning, plant small, blue butter jars, or salt-glaze jars with them. Then line these bright oxalis masses up on a window sill near your breakfast table.

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Set amaryllis bulbs with all of the thick necks—a full upper third of the bulb—above the soil. Leave soil 1 inch below rim of pot for easier management when you water them.

Cover golden-calla bulbs 1 inch deep. Space 3 inches apart.

After you've kept a fancyleaf-caladium bulb with its rounded side up until roots have started about the crown, use care when you reverse it. Break no roots as you cover each bulb, crown side up, with 1 inch of soil. Allow 1½ inches between bulbs if you are filling a large pot.

Water pots planted with amaryllis, callas, and caladiums after planting. Then give no more water until growth starts.

Store amaryllis at 50 degrees until buds show, then bring gradually to living-room temperatures. Keep callas and caladiums at 70 degrees right from the start.

General care

If freshly potted, most of these bulbs will not need additional plant food until they start to make rapid leaf growth. Apply plant food only after watering and use according to the manufacturer's directions.

If using a commercial balanced plant food, dissolve 1 tablespoon of it in 1 quart of tepid water and make half-cupful applications weekly. If using natural manures, make a solution the color of medium-strong tea and give each plant or group in a 6-inch pot a half cup of this once a week.

Stir top half inch of soil in pots with a fork each week. Wipe larger leaves with damp cloth if dusty.

Wash with nicotine sulfate in soapy water if mealy bugs attack amaryllis bulbs.

A small water-color brush is useful when you're washing out the narrow cracks between leaf scales. A white miscible oil mixed according to recommendations for a summer spray can also be used to route mealy bugs where they have attacked the bases of amaryllis leaves.

Remove all plants from living room as soon as each shows signs of yellowing and going dormant. All described here, except the Soleil d'Or narcissus, can be allowed to dry off during the summer months and started up again in the fall.

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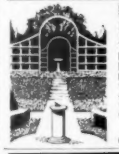

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Trio of triangular cookers: Guardian Service, Century Metalcraft Corporation, Chicago; around $25.
Liquidizer: Knapp-Monarch Company, St. Louis; $34.95.
$10 to $20. Automatic electric iron: The Hoover Company, North Canton, Ohio; $11.45 (including excise tax).
Pressure saucepan: Pressure*Quick* by Betty Crocker, General Mills, Minneapolis; $15.95 to $16.45.
Steam iron: The Silex Company, Hartford, Connecticut; $19.90.
New-type pressure cooker: Burpee Can Sealer Company, Barrington, Illinois; $19.95.
Flavor cupboard: House of Herbs, Salisbury, Connecticut; $18.
Electric sandwich grill: General Electric Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut; $14.95.
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Electric coffee mill: KitchenAid, The Hobart Manufacturing Company, Troy, Ohio; $19.25.
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Electric corn popper: Knapp-Monarch, Hammacher Schlemmer, New York City; $9.95.
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Carousel cooky jar: Red Wing Pottery, Red Wing, Minnesota; $5.
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Smorgasbord knife: Robert W. Kellogg Company, 89 Hillman Street, Springfield, Massachusetts; $2.
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Christmas foods in Christmas colors

Page 62. "Cathedral" glassware: Lewis P. Weil, Philadelphia.
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Vacuum cleaner, only 28" high, for little daughter's house-cleaning duties, plugs into socket and really picks up dirt. There's a light in the green and black plastic head; the cloth bag removes and empties just like the big ones. *Jr. Electric Vacuum Cleaner*, $8.95, ppd. J. J. Anthony, 1517 W. North Ave., Milwaukee 5, Wisconsin.

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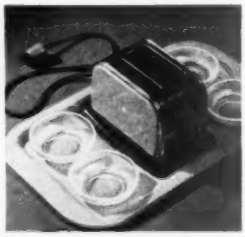
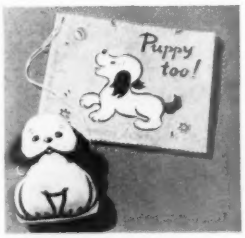
For cheerful breakfasts with a family of dolls we suggest a tray and toaster set. The toaster isn't electric, but has a suction-cup plug that looks real; spring action pops the bread up whenever the cook wishes. Tray is 12"x8", enameled in assorted pastel colors with 4 glass dishes for jam or cereal. *Little Deb Hospitality Tray* with toaster, $1.69, in stores or ppd. Northwestern Products Co., 2721 Spruce St., St. Louis 3, Missouri.



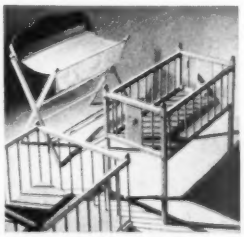
Painting kit for embryo artists furnishes an easel and tray with 6 jars of poster paints, 2 brushes, and glass mixer. In addition, there are 11 pictures for the child to follow as he paints on a clear plastic "canvas" over the illustration. Paint may be washed off and plastic used over and over. Easel is 39" tall. *Kid-E-Art Easel Set*, $4.95, ppd. *Palette Set* without tripod, $3.95. Randel Associates, 3203 Bergenline Ave., Union City, New Jersey.

Dydee-ette is the nearest thing to a live baby that you can buy in a store! She has fleshlike skin; she drinks from a bottle, then needs her diapers changed; she even blows bubbles thru a pipe. *Dydee-ette* is 12" tall, with blue eyes that open and close. Her arms, legs, and head move. With skirt, diaper, and sleeper and accessories for her care, *Dydee-ette* is $7.95. F. A. O. Schwarz, 745 Fifth Ave., New York 22, New York.



Puppy Too is the name of a cloth book for tots; all about a little doggie who lives with a small boy. Tethered to the book is a cuddly pup, 6" high, stuffed with foam rubber and covered with fast-color cotton. Puppy can be chewed or dunked in the bath, and comes out smiling. The book is washable, too. *Puppy Too* set is $1.50, ppd. Peggy Cloth-Books, Inc., 21 Park Pl., New York 7, New York.

Nursery furniture for a baby doll is just like the furniture for real babies. Playpen, 16" square, with removable bottom; crib, 16" tall; and a folding dressing table with plastic top and apron with pockets along the edge; all of seasoned wood painted pink with blue trim. *Little Mothers' Nursery Set* comes knocked down; $6.95, ppd. West of Rockies, $7.50. Arteraft Products Co., P. O. Box 55, Cleveland 21, Ohio.



Two-gaited hobbyhorse pleases the most strenuous young equestrian. Horse is suspended on 4 stout springs that tilt with the least motion. Bouncing up and down makes the horse trot, swaying back and forth produces a galloping motion. Of hardwood painted red or blue, the horse is 32" tall, has handholds for ears. *Wonder Horse* is $15, F.O.B. from Rebecca S. Andrews, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

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Christmas card decorations

Here are eight unusual ways to display your cards so everyone can enjoy them

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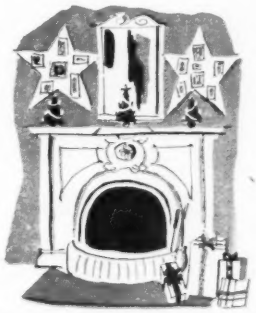
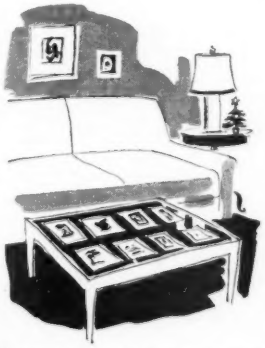


Flank your mantel mirror with a pair of foil-covered cardboard stars dressed up with 10 or a dozen cards apiece



Slip cards under the glass top on your coffee table. Put a sheet of clear plastic beneath the cards to protect table

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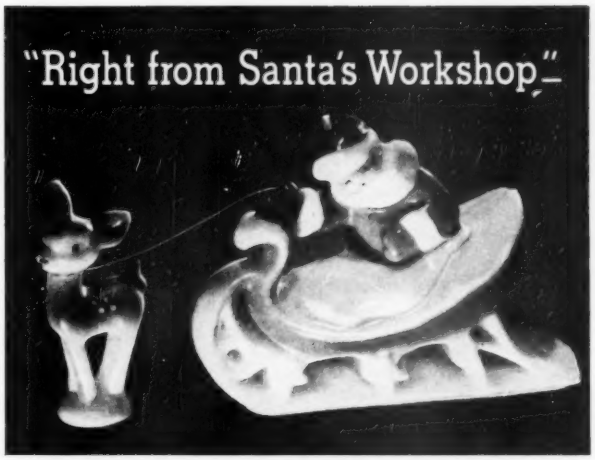

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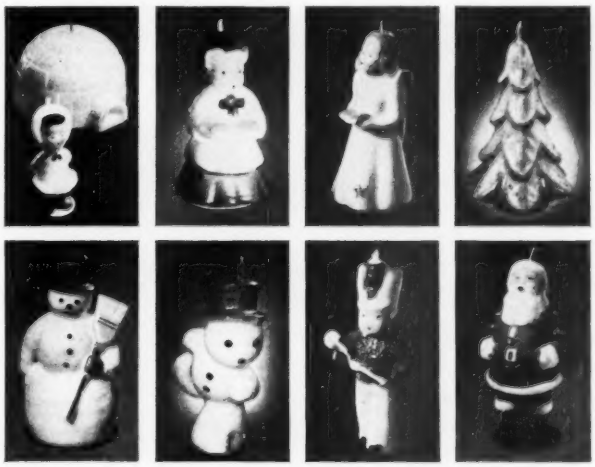

Select Santa-on-his-sleigh, cute little fawns, choirboys, snowmen, or any others in the wide choice pictured here. Convenient sizes for home decorations. Enjoy an even merrier Christmas this year. Look for Tavern Candle Folk at your favorite store.

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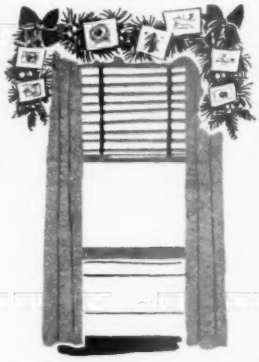

Mass greenery on swags of chicken wire. Pose three or four large Christmas cards on it—then hang the greenery on the wall or a window cornice

String a dozen gaily colored greeting cards on wide satin ribbons and hang them like old-fashioned bell pulls on the wall beside the sofa or mantel

Paste metallic paper over a sheet of artists' board, arrange Christmas cards upon it, and let it serve as over-the-mantel decoration for the holidays

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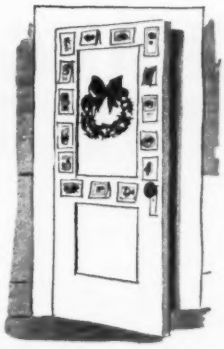

Frame a door panel with Christmas cards—or mass them like a miniature picture gallery in the center panel

Tape one or two cards to a plain drum-shaped lamp shade or stand four cards around a square-based lamp

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Such is man's esteem for good food that until comparatively recent times, professional cooks occupied a position second only to the chief nobles. In the palmy days of Rome, a good chef never worked for less than the equivalent of $8,000 a year. Antony, pleased with a banquet prepared for Cleopatra, presented his chief cook with an entire city! And the lovely Egyptian, for her part, kept a staff of chefs on 24-hour duty, continually preparing hot dishes, so that Antony might be served a rich banquet at a moment's notice.

Centuries later, the French kept up the custom of honoring those who prepared good food. Professional cooks took their work seriously—so much so that the great Vatel, chef to the Prince de Conde, committed suicide when disgraced by the failure of the lobsters to arrive in time for a banquet! —*Boyd G. Wood.*

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Dress up your money gifts

By Jani Beals

A MONEY gift—whether it's pennies or dollars—is always welcome at Christmas. With a little planning, you can make it as personal and attractive as any other gift, too. Here are nine ideas for dressing up your money gifts:

Tape a dollar bill to each hand of a dime-store jack-in-the-box. Or paste a coin on each hand.

Clip to your check a magazine picture of the gift you think your friend will want.

Tuck a coin or bill in a tiny envelope and paste it to the center of a dime-store snowflake. Or glue coins to the clappers of clustered paper bells.

Fill Santa candy bags or foil boots with pennies, nickels, and dimes. They'll look Christmas-y tucked in a stocking.

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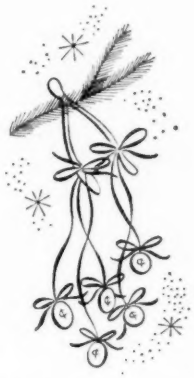
Put your coins in a dime-store hen dish or inside a blown Christmas-decorated egg. Then write on the card, "A nest egg for Christmas."



Try dangling coins from red ribbons tied to a gilded turkey wishbone.

Or fasten a cluster of gilded or painted walnuts at the base of a holly-leaf spray. Open nuts and remove meats, then place coins or bills inside with a loop of string hanging out of the big end. Glue back together the edges of the nuts.

Personality in your mantel

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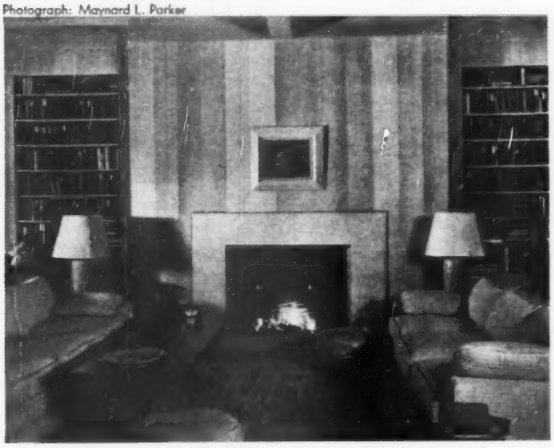

This mantel-less fireplace has been given strikingly simple decorative treatment in harmony with its modern lines. The painting is hung at eye level: not too high, and not too low. Burton Schutt, architect; Paul T. Frankel, decorator

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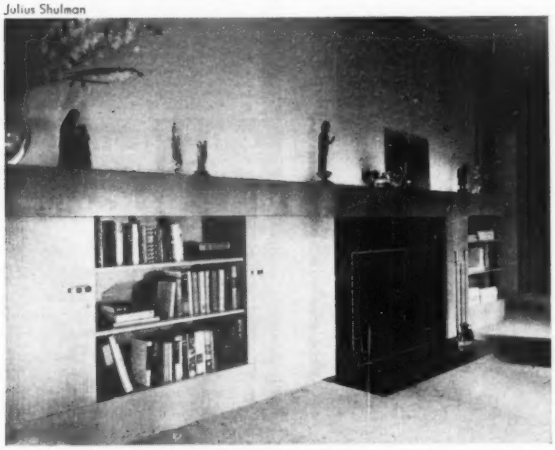

This black marble fireplace set in a wall-length birch frame, doesn't need any special decoration. Chinese figurines, two bowls of flowers, and an Oriental painting are placed at random on the mantel. J. R. Davidson, decorator

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Topping this white boxed fireplace is a caricature drawing in a frame which matches the mantel. Carved horses stand on the high shelf. Such simple treatment as this is always dramatic in a Modern room. Burton Schutt, architect

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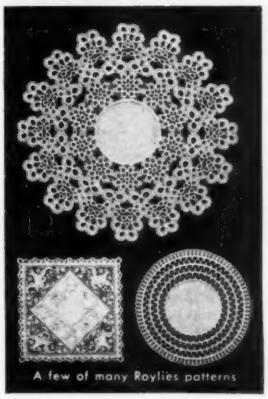
Tips on table settings

by Ellanor Martin
Homemaking Expert



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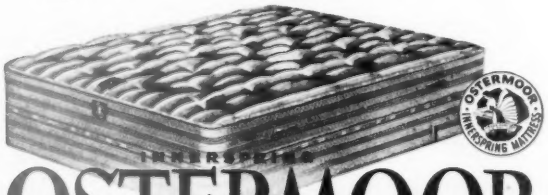

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A letter to your boy

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always women hanging around to prey on soldiers. They'll take your money and give you VD.

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There are other things, too, that can get you in the army. You can get lazy. You can get cynical. In short, Ed, it's not hard to become a bum in the army, and a lot of soldiers do.

BUT these things don't *have* to happen to you. You *can* come out of the army a better man than when you went in. As a matter of fact, the army can be a good experience for you. It will interrupt your education, but it will also contribute to it. You may travel and see something of this country, and maybe others. Perhaps they will send you to school somewhere, and you may get specialized training in some line that will help you.

You can make a success of your army career if you want to. Do your work smoothly. Observe discipline carefully. Treat your superiors with the respect they demand, whether or not you like them. Avoid drinking, gambling, loose women.

Get acquainted with your chaplain. He can do things for you, and he probably is going to take more personal interest in you than any other officer. Keep up your church habits. It will help you. One of my friends once called church attendance "a weekly lift out of the muck of army life."

TAKE all the advantages the army offers you. Go everywhere you can. Don't try to stick at one place. If they want to send you across the continent, be glad of the opportunity. If you should have a chance to go overseas, go and see what you can of the world. If they want you to go to school to study something, no matter what, go. Miss nothing. Take everything that comes your way.

It can be all right for you, Ed, if you are smart enough to take it in. And someday you'll probably be proud you were once a soldier.

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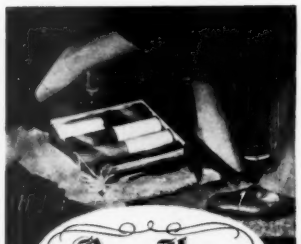

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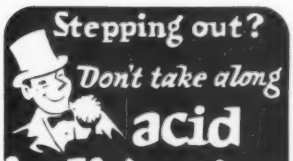

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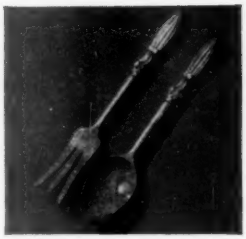

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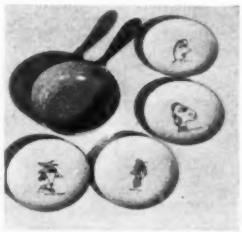

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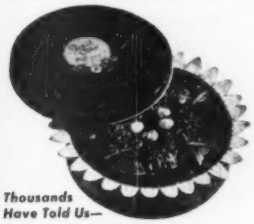

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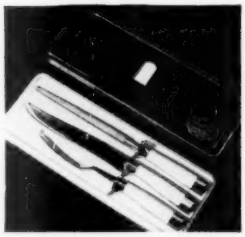

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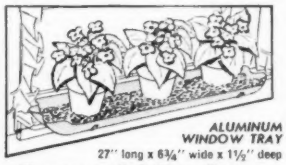

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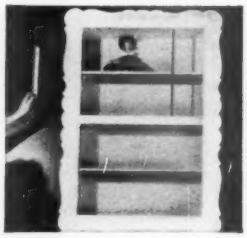

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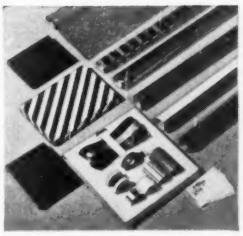

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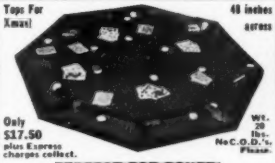

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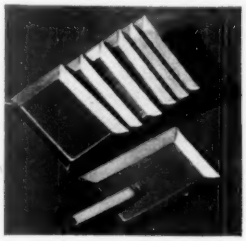

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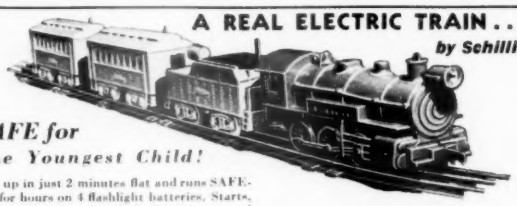

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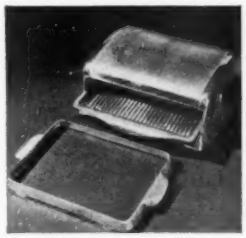

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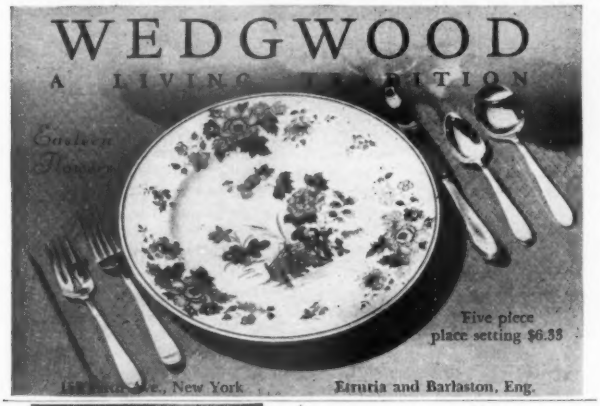

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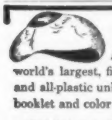

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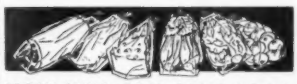

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I surmise that Junior is approaching manhood. He has warned me that I needn't try to unload my Christmas neckties on him this year. Maybe my youngest'll take 'em tho.

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This year I'm trying an innovation: Instead of cluttering the living room with all the wrappings of all the packages in one unbroken orgy and then falling into a stupor, we'll take a midmorning intermission maybe for a long walk or maybe some skating, I hope.

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"A woman is right to defend her grocery bill against her husband's attacks," says Les Gowan ironically, hiding a big gift package in the garage, "if she really suspects that his secret aim is to feed his loved ones on roots and herbs."

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In our town the one-car families can discipline their teen-agers more easily than the two-car families. When they ask for the car it's far simpler to find a good reason to say "No!"—and far easier to keep it from sounding like "maybe."

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At the bridge table recently one of our fragile ladies explained the feminine attitude toward warmth: "In the summertime," she said, "I feel warm at 68 degrees, but in the winter I feel cool at 78, so please turn up the thermostat."

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I admire, above all the women in town, the one who sends a gay card or a small gift every Christmas to everyone with whom her relations have become a trifle strained during the year. She has the golden rule dangling from her heart.

⬆ I can't seem to convince my family that all I really want under the tree for myself is love and kisses. To watch them unwrap gifts is more fun than unwrapping 'em myself. I'd be happy to let my unopened packages, like the other decorations, remain the same, year after year.

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"I just love the things my husband buys me for Christmas," says Phyllis Gowan, comparing her front-door wreath with her neighbor's. "But I certainly admired his flawless taste the year he put a $100 bill in the innermost of 10 nested boxes!"

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People don't wear such heavy clothing in winter as they used to, and perhaps the fact that few of us spend as much as 30 minutes a day out in the cold 'twixt door and car has something to do with it.

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I wish somebody smarter than I am could devise a way to divide the Christmas spirit into 12 equal parts and save some for each and every month of the year, especially August.

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Even if a man suspects that his womenfolk's clothes and social antics cut too much ice in his family life, he ought to be big about it, and put on a great show of bug-eyed admiration every time they show him a new frock.

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Maybe it hurts your ego, but the kind ➡ of children you have probably makes more difference to your neighbors than you yourself do. Perhaps the best neighbors of all are families with nothing but little girls.

Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless, unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words.

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Recently I've made genuine progress in enforcing my weight-reducing diet. . . . Whenever I raid the icebox at midnight I always glance at the framed, typewritten sign I've put on top of it, warning me against midnight snacks.

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For my older friends who tend to feel bored and useless, I jot down a weekly program with something to anticipate eagerly for each day of the week. . . . But by the time they're elderly, most people have become so gently stubborn that they'd rather be bored in their own sweet fashion.

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At our house we usually collect around 25 relatives once a year for Christmas dinner. As I glance around at their handsome faces it always dawns on me that if we weren't related we might see a great deal more of each other.

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Our town's agnostic has been threatening to send out for some chop suey and chow mein for his Christmas dinner. ("Turkey, turkey, turkey!" he explodes.) But at last reports he was weakening, and inquiring how big a turkey his oven will hold.

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Hints and clues that family life will always outshine bachelordom: You discover that you two agree more about things than you did the year you were married. . . . You realize with a shock how much trouble your wife took to humor for Christmas some whim you uttered lightly eight months ago. . . . Recognition that your loved one alone can bring you a fragment of Christmas cheer as often as 1,000 times a year. . . . When your daughter's "Oh, Daddy!" goes to your head faster than champagne. . . . Your glow when the youngest interrupts his attack on a new toy to say, "Oh, Mommie, you're so nice to give me this!" . . . A moment's inkling that empires have caved in, heroes have turned turtle, and history has exploded in people's faces since you were married, but your love still perseveres.

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Suddenly the memory of that room flooded back—how friendly it always seemed, how the family sat talking and laughing hours after meals were over, the children's parties and the big holiday dinners. I looked at the partition between my dining room and kitchen. "You know, Mr. Mehler, if it weren't for that wall . . ."

"I'd better hold up on that floor. You might want Armstrong's Linoleum in your dining area, too." He winked. "Like your grandmother did."

Soon our two small rooms had spread out into one wonderfully spacious kitchen-dining room. For the first time, I had loads of cabinet space. As I hung the last curtain, Mr. Mehler finished putting in my Armstrong's Linoleum. Somehow I had the feeling that Grandma was watching and nodding her approval.

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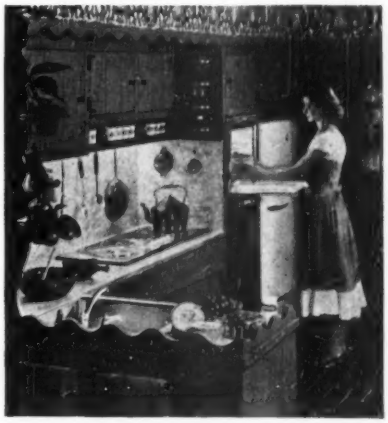

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Double Chocolate Cake

1. Sift together into bowl.....
- **1¾ cups *sifted* GOLD MEDAL "*Kitchen-tested*" Enriched Flour**
- **1½ cups sugar**
- ***1¼ tsp. double-action baking powder**
- ***½ tsp. soda**
- ***1 tsp. salt**

2. Add.....
- **½ cup high grade vegetable shortening**
- **1 cup milk**
- **1 tsp. vanilla**

3. Beat vigorously with spoon for 2 minutes by clock (about 150 strokes per min.). You may rest a moment when beating by hand; just count actual beating time or strokes. *Or* mix with electric mixer on *slow to medium speed* for 2 min. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl frequently.

Add.....
- **½ to ⅔ cup unbeaten eggs (2 large)**
- ****2 sq. unsweetened chocolate (2 oz.), melted**
- **½ tsp. red food coloring**

4. Beat 2 more min., scraping bowl frequently.

Pour into prepared pans.

Bake *30 to 35 min.* in *quick moderate oven* (375°). When cool, frost with Chocolate Icing Deluxe (*recipe below*).

**You may use 6 tbsp. cocoa in place of chocolate. Increase shortening by 1 tbsp. and sift cocoa with dry ingredients.

*If you use Gold Medal Self-Rising Flour (sold in parts of the South) omit salt and baking powder; and reduce soda to ¼ tsp.

CHOCOLATE ICING DELUXE

Beat with spoon or electric mixer until fluffy *1 large unbeaten egg, 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, ¼ tsp. salt, ⅓ cup soft shortening, 2 squares unsweetened chocolate (2 oz.), melted.*

Toasted Almond Cake

1. Sift together into bowl.....
- **2 cups *sifted* GOLD MEDAL "*Kitchen-tested*" Enriched Flour**
- **1¼ cups sugar**
- **†3¼ tsp. double-action baking powder**
- **†1 tsp. salt**

2. Add.....
- **½ cup high grade vegetable shortening**
- **⅞ cup (¾ cup plus 2 tbsp.) milk**
- **1½ tsp. vanilla**

3. Beat vigorously with spoon for 2 minutes by clock (about 150 strokes per min.). You may rest a moment when beating by hand; just count actual beating time or strokes. *Or* mix with electric mixer on *slow to medium speed* for 2 min. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl frequently.

Add.....
- **about ½ cup unbeaten egg whites (3 large)**

4. Beat 2 more min., scraping bowl frequently.

Pour into prepared pans.

Bake *25 to 30 min.* in *quick moderate oven* (375°). When cool, spread Browned Butter Icing (*recipe below*), between layers and over top and sides. Decorate with ⅓ to ½ cup toasted, slivered, blanched almonds, if desired.

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Melt, then keep over *low* heat until golden brown *¼ cup butter.* Remove from heat. Blend in *2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, 2 tbsp. cream, 1½ tsp. vanilla.* Stir in *2 tbsp. hot water.* Stir vigorously until cool, and of a consistency to spread. (If it gets too thick to spread, warm slightly over hot water.)

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